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UDR and Royal Irish Rangers among 22 to be merged in defence review

All regiments survive as King bows to army

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

THE threat of disbandment facing some of the army's oldest regiments was lifted yesterday, although 22 cavalry and infantry regiments are to face amalgamation in the most wide-ranging reorganisation of the service this century.

Tom King's announcement to the Commons came after intensive lobbying reprieved the 3rd battalion of The Parachute Regiment and the Royal Welch Fusiliers. That leaves the army with 38 infantry battalions, rather than the 36 previously envisaged. Army chiefs had insisted that 41 were needed to fulfil their commitments and that number will effectively be achieved by involving the three Royal Marine Commandos in more Northern Ireland duties.

The defence secretary's statement on his plans to create a 116,000-strong army appeared to take MPs on both sides by surprise, and the changes were largely welcomed, although there were some angry questions about individual regiments.

As reported in *The Times*, Mr King confirmed that the nine-battalion Ulster Defence Regiment and the Royal Irish Rangers will unite to form the Royal Irish Regiment. This will comprise one battalion for worldwide service and up to seven for service only in the province.

The Rev Ian Paisley, Democratic Unionist MP for Antrim North, said merger would create "deep outrage and anger", but Mr King insisted that the decision had been taken in the best interest of both regiments. He denied there was any seditious political motive behind the decision. "This was an army decision," he said.

Army sources said that the merger was part of an aim to "professionalise" the UDR and bring it closer to other regular army units. The part-time element of the UDR would remain, and members who wished to serve abroad with other army regiments would be able to do so.

General Sir John Chapple, chief of the general staff, admitted at a press conference later that it had not been "a happy day". Many famous regimental names could be lost, but he added: "I believe we have got the balance as good as we can expect it to be."

Mr King said that the army of 50 UK and five Gurkha infantry battalions would be reduced to 46 and four respectively by the end of next year. The final total of 38 battalions, of which two will be Gurkha, will be reached by 1997. The 19 armoured regiments will also be reduced to 11 by the mid-1990s.

At least 10,000 officers and NCOs will be made redundant out of the 40,000 who will have to leave the army. The others will go through natural wastage. The cost of the restructuring is expected to run into millions of pounds.

The five-battalion Gurkha Brigade of about 5,000 men is to be reduced to 2,500 soldiers in two battalions and support services.

Many of the other predicted amalgamations are to go ahead. The Life Guards and Blues and Royals of the Household Cavalry are to merge, although each will retain its uniform. The combined total of 11 squadrons will be cut to eight.

In the Royal Armoured Corps, the six regiments of hussars will amalgamate to form three regiments, the two regiments of lancers will amalgamate, and the four royal tank regiments will merge to form two regiments.

In the infantry, the Queen's Regiment will amalgamate with the Royal Hampshire Regiment. The Cheshire Regiment which escaped amalgamation with the Royal Welch Fusiliers, will merge with the Staffordshire Regiment, and the Gloucester Regiment with the Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment.

In Scotland, the Queen's Own Highlanders will merge with the Gordon Highlanders; and the Royal Scots, Britain's oldest regiment, with the King's Own Scottish Borderers. The Black Watch, rumoured to be faced with disbandment or merger, is unaffected.

The Grenadier, Coldstream and Scots Guards, will each be reduced from two battalions to one. The Irish and Welsh Guards will stay unchanged.

Four regiments with three battalions: the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, the Royal Anglian Regiment, the Light Infantry and the Royal Green Jackets will all lose one battalion.

☐The French defence minister, Pierre Joxe, plans to reduce his 285,000-strong army by about a quarter over the next six years, military sources in Paris said yesterday. Virtually all French garrisons in Germany will close by 1995.

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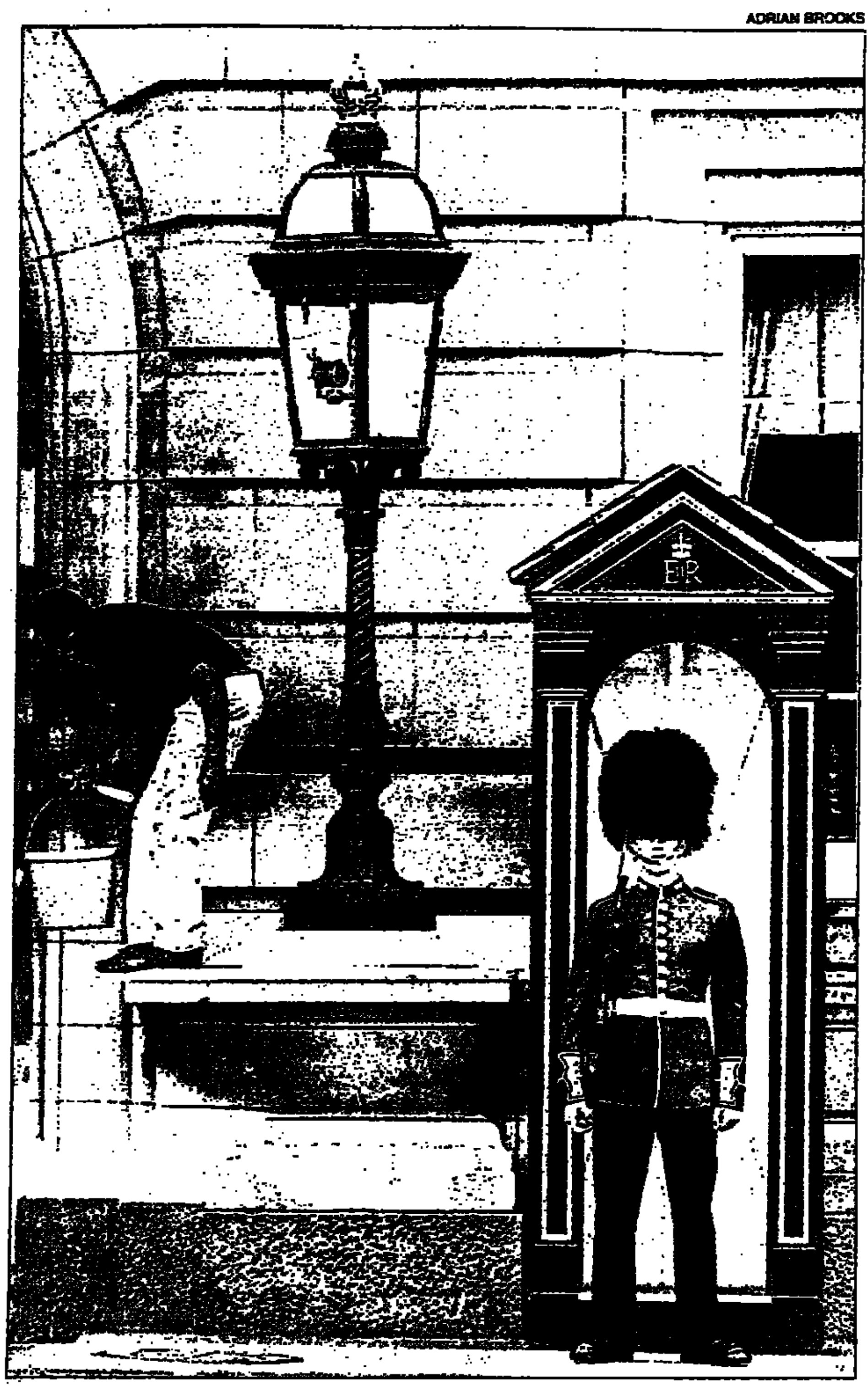
ADRIAN BROOKS

Changing the guard: a Grenadier Guardsman on duty at Buckingham Palace. His regiment is to lose a battalion in the army changes announced yesterday

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US rethinks plan to bomb Iraq again

From Peter Stothard, US editor, in Washington

THE deadline set by the UN Security Council for Iraq to disclose its illegal nuclear sites expires tomorrow. President Saddam Hussein's response is still considered inadequate but officials here are now warning not to "expect the bombs to start falling again".

The State Department is instead preparing proposals to allow Iraq to sell oil again — as long as the revenue is used for food, medicines and reparations to Kuwait. The lifting of sanctions, however gradual, would mean some loss of face for President Bush who has often talked of retaining them until Saddam leaves office. But the administration is leaning towards losing a little face now rather than a lot later.

Several weeks ago President Bush dressed the White House in the appearance of immediate pre-war days, encouraging talks of nuclear targets that could be struck. Yesterday, however, he said he did not want innocent Iraqis to suffer.

The plan to lift some sanctions is an acceptance that Saddam is not quickly going to be removed. If the bulk of sanctions is to be kept against him for a long time, it is important that the deaths of Iraqi civilians cannot be blamed on the West.

The administration still has plans to destroy Iraq's nuclear sites by force but doubt that a bombing campaign could either be effective or remove Saddam. Without these two ends, officials fear it could do more harm than good to President Bush's popularity at home and abroad.

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Major-Kinnock clash on bank signals bitter election

By Robin Oakley and Sheila Gunn

THE prime minister and Neil Kinnock clashed yesterday over the Bank of Credit and Commerce International affair with a raw vituperation that rivalled any of the battles between the Labour leader and Margaret Thatcher, offering a foretaste of a bitter election to come.

At one stage, Mr Major retorted to Mr Kinnock: "I have told you the first knowledge I had of that fraud was on June 28. If you are saying I am a liar, you had better say so bluntly. If you aren't, then you had better stop insinuating it."

In response to repeated challenges from the Labour leader, the prime minister insisted: "The first time I knew of serious banking irregularities was on June 28, last month." But Mr Kinnock said that Mr Major had known about drug laundering in January 1990, must have known about other irregularities since then and, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, had allowed an unfit bank to trade.

The intemperate pursued the indignant in the final question time before the summer recess as Mr Kinnock accused Mr Major of having known about "serious irregularities" in the bank for months before he had admitted doing so. The prime minister, he said, had been "utterly negligent", standing by while 200,000 small depositors were lured into a trap from which they could have been spared.

Mr Major, as white-knuckled with fury at the accusations as the Labour leader was white-faced at being told that he had proved himself unfit for government, said that Mr Kinnock was pursuing opposition by smear. If he was accusing him of being a liar, then let him do so directly.

Labour was convinced that by unearthing a Commons reply from Mr Major as Chancellor on January 18, 1990, in which he called BCCI laundering of drug money a "serious matter", it had scored a bull's eye. Mr Kinnock came back three times after his initial question to say it was unthinkable that, having been briefed for that reply, Mr Major would have then forgotten all about BCCI until he was confronted with the report exposing massive fraud on June 28 this year, which led the Bank of England to close down BCCI.

But Mr Major insisted that he had been aware of nothing until told about the fraud on June 28, and it was that fraud which had been responsible for depositors' losses. Patently convinced of his own innocence, he emphasised that he and any other ministers would be available to give evidence to the enquiry into the affair, being headed by Lord Justice Bingham, and that the enquiry report would be published.

His case was last night

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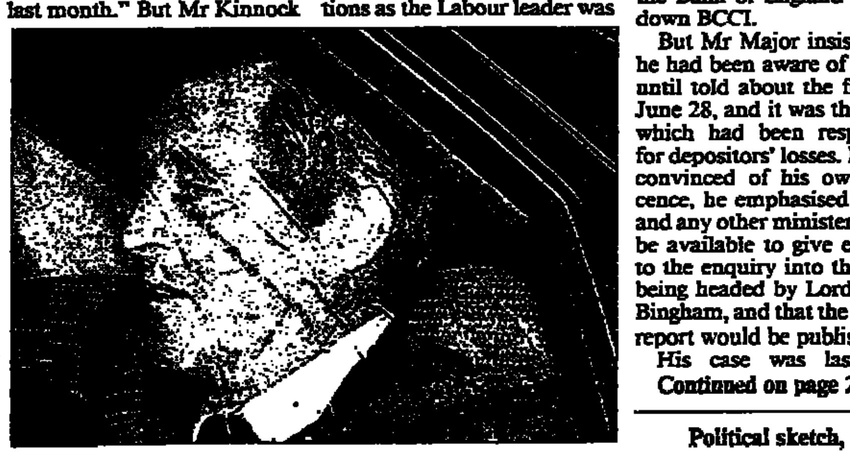
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Heseltine puts higher council tax on the rich

By Nicholas Wood, political correspondent

SOME 200,000 owners of valuable homes will have to pay higher council tax bills after a Commons climbdown by Michael Heseltine.

Bowing to pressure from cabinet colleagues and Conservative MPs and council leaders, the environment secretary announced that he was adding an eighth band at the top of the seven-band scale of valuations he set out in April. Mr Heseltine's decision means that the wealthiest 1 per cent of property owners living in homes worth more than £320,000 will have to pay an extra £134 a year when the council tax replaces the community charge in April 1993.

However, because the extra band will raise relatively little additional revenue, bills for people in cheaper properties will be only slightly reduced.

The change was forced on Mr Heseltine, who had previously ruled out such a U-turn, by owners of relatively modest homes in London and the South-East whose value has been inflated by high property prices. They were angry that the proposed £160,000 trigger point for top-rate council tax put them in the same bracket as the genuinely rich. They will now go in a band from £160,000 to £320,000, one rung below the top rate.

Mr Heseltine said that the extra band had been introduced for "psychological" reasons. "The amount of extra money raised by the additional band is not of great substance," he said. "Spread among 20 million homes . . . the effect on any one household would be very small indeed. It is a psychological matter in which we are seeking to make the tax appear more fair."

The change means that people living in the most expensive properties will be paying three times as much as those in the cheapest.

Bryan Gould, Labour's environment spokesman, seized on the switch to revive accusations of a dithering and divided cabinet.

Mr Heseltine unveiled his move in a Commons statement announcing a 7.2 per cent increase in permitted council spending next year and suggesting a rise in average poll tax bills of £11 a head.

Total standard spending by local authorities will be allowed to rise to £41.8 billion, £2.8 billion above the target for this year or £1.9 billion above the amount they are actually spending this year. Central support to local authorities also rises 7.2 per cent to £33.1 billion. If Mr Heseltine succeeds in holding total spending to his declared ceiling, the rise over actual spending this year will be 4.75 per cent, one of the tightest settlements in recent years.

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Gorbachev applies to join IMF

By Anatole Kaletsky
Economics editor

IN A clear sign of frustration with last week's G7 summit in London, President Gorbachev yesterday applied for full membership of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

The circumstances surrounding the unexpected application suggested strongly that Mr Gorbachev was disappointed with the G7's offer of a vaguely-defined "special association" with the IMF. This was the main item in the six-point programme of technical assistance proposed by John Major on behalf of the summit leaders.

Significantly, the letter from Mr Gorbachev requesting full membership was dated July 15, two days before his meeting with G7. Although this letter was delivered on Monday, an unsigned English translation is understood to have been lodged with the fund and the bank on the eve of the London summit, suggesting that Mr Gorbachev had been hoping to win endorsement from the G7 leaders for his membership campaign.

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A UNIQUE INSTITUTE?

We believe the Schizophrenia Association of Great Britain's independent and international Institute of Biological Psychiatry is the only one of its kind in the world to be devoted to the study of the biochemistry of schizophrenia. It was founded a year ago on the science site of the University of Wales in Bangor.

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Queen Mother puts king of beasts in his place

By Alan Hamilton

The Queen Mother: gate design a little over the top

LIONS do not climb trees, according to the Queen Mother. Well, as a matter of fact they do now and again, but not in her native Scotland.

Designs for a proposed new set of entrance gates to Hyde Park to commemorate the royal family matriarch, who celebrates her 91st birthday in 11 days, had to be changed at the last minute because they offended the basic laws of both heraldry and zoology, it was disclosed yesterday by Prince Michael of Kent, who is heading a £1 million appeal for a permanent memorial to his aunt.

Commissioned to design a feature panel of ironwork in the centre of the gates, David Wynne, the sculptor, produced a light-hearted assembly of Queen Mother *motifs*, including assorted Scottish wildlife, the lion and the unicorn from the Scottish royal arms, and a tree of Elizabeth of Glamis roses. While the unicorn pranced with heraldic correctness at the base of the tree, the lion was up among the branches like a cat after a sparrow. It was, Mr Wynne explained, a bit of fun.

New drawings rushed out for yesterday's appeal launch showed the Scottish lion back on the ground and properly rampant after the Queen Mother, the Queen and the Prince of Wales had studied the original design and found it a little over the top. "It was felt it was stretching the heraldic theme too far. Lions, as is well known, don't live in trees," Prince Michael said.

The notion of a permanent memorial to a still-living dowager queen consort was born, largely at Prince Michael's instigation, after the Queen Mother's 90th birthday celebrations last year. The chosen site is behind Apsley House at Hyde Park Corner, a somewhat neglected and unkempt 10 acres of greenery much spoiled over the years by road improvements to Park Lane. They will be overlooked by the statues of Achilles, a Greek, and Byron, who as George Gordon was at least a partial Scot.

Guisseppe Lund, a Shropshire-based ironsmith who won the commission to produce the main gates, yesterday described his sensuously curved, intricate filigree design as "feminine", and in dramatic contrast to the other gates into Hyde Park which are uniform in their Victorian and Edwardian severity. The gates will be coloured, partly by paint and partly by the use of oxidised bronze, titanium and stainless steel.

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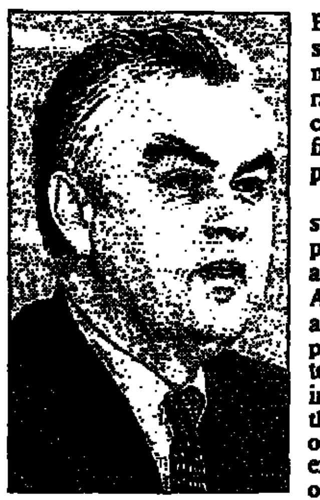
Busier shop tills alone will not ring in the golden times

High-street spending is up, but are the new retail figures significant in the long term? **Anatole Kaletsky**, Economics Editor, offers his assessment of the prospect for recovery



Lamont: does he have good reason for pride?

FROM the beginning of the recession it was clear that the economy's fate lay in the hands, or rather the purses, of Britain's consumers, and last month they finally seemed to loosen their purse-strings.

The impact of the surprisingly strong June retail sales figures published on Monday was evident almost immediately in the City. After thinking over the figures for a few hours on Monday, investors piled into the stock market yesterday morning, sending the FTSE index to a new record and pushing the pound well into the upper part of its band in the European exchange-rate mechanism. For once the stock market's behaviour was easy to understand.

Assuming that the 1.3 per cent jump in retail sales for June does not turn out to be a statistical aberration, economists should be able to pronounce the recession formally over within the next few months. But before we are carried away by a single month's figures, a few questions have to be asked.

First, are the reports of consumer recovery reliable? This will remain uncertain until more monthly figures are published, but stronger retail sales do seem consistent with less pessimistic surveys of business confidence and with the smaller increase in unemployment disclosed last week.

Second, will the consumer alone be strong enough to pull the economy out of the mire? Consumer spending accounts for 75 per cent of gross domestic product, so growing consumption almost inevitably pulls incomes and output behind it. But consumers are more over-stretched than they have been after past recessions. Savings are still relatively low, debts high and real incomes may soon stop growing, even for workers not threatened by unemployment, if wage settlements fall as sharply as business leaders and ministers hope.

The autumn, when the new stringent wage round begins, could yet deal a further blow to consumer confidence. A renewed downturn in the economy after the summer remains an outside possibility, especially if exports and investment weaken or imports surge ahead. The danger that British industry will lose out to foreign rivals as soon as domestic demand picks up looks less serious after June's unexpectedly good trade figures.

But they are probably less reliable than the retail sales statistics and the possibility of a weakening of European export markets or of a setback in the United States caused by a sudden fall in the dollar cannot be ruled out. On balance, an end to the recession does appear likely, in the sense that the gross domestic product will no longer be falling by the last quarter of the year. But that modest prediction raises the third and most important question.

Will the recession be followed by a strong recovery or by a long period of listless bouncing along the bottom? Last week John Major went far beyond the Chancellor's forecasts of recovery to promise a "great improvement" in economic conditions by the end of the year. But in order to relieve unemployment and raise living standards, merely ending the recession will not be good enough. A period of rapid economic growth to mop up the excess capacity created by the recession will be required. After the 1980-1 recession, the country had to wait for five years for such catching up. It was not until 1986 that unemployment stopped rising, investment surged ahead and unused industrial capacity was put into production.

Norman Lamont and his officials seem genuinely proud of the economy's present performance. But to create a recession and then "end" it with a long period of stagnation is no great achievement. Only if the recession is followed quickly by a strong economic recovery and a fall in unemployment will the Treasury have reason to boast.

Forces' cuts greeted with unease in Commons and mixed reactions in the regimental heartlands

Almost half of army to be in Nato's rapid reaction force

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY half the British Army will be serving with the new Nato rapid reaction corps once the government has completed the 25 per cent cut in troop strength from 156,000 to 116,000, according to a command paper on the future of the army published yesterday.

About 55,000 regular soldiers will be assigned to the corps, based in Germany and Britain. These will be the 23,000-strong 1st Armoured Division in Germany, and the 3rd (UK) Division, including two mechanised brigades and 5 Airborne Brigade, based in Britain.

Britain's contribution to the new Nato forces in Europe will also include an airmobile brigade, based in the UK, which will form part of a multi-national division of the rapid reaction corps. This role will be taken up by 24 Airmobile Brigade.

The 3rd Division will provide a national strategic reserve capability for operations beyond the Nato area, with parachute, airmobile or mechanised formations. The amphibious capability of 3 Commando Brigade will also be made available.

To meet the target of a smaller army — and of the 116,000, only about 104,000 will be trained personnel — the government policy document said there would be more than 10,000 redundancies, some compulsory if necessary. The other 30,000 army jobs to go, in phases between now and the mid-1990s, will be achieved through natural wastage.

In order to maintain a balanced structure of ages, ranks and skills, there would be a substantial redundancy programme among officers and NCOs. Redundancies would be drawn "overwhelmingly" from those with more than 12 years' service. They would receive an immediate pension and a lump sum of up to 18 months' pay. Those made compulsorily redundant would expect to leave the army within 12 months of being informed. Special help will be given to find housing.

The command paper, which does not require legislation, confirmed that the government wants the army to fulfil all but one of the UK, Nato and out-of-area commitments, but with 40,000 fewer soldiers.

The one commitment to go will be the brigade-sized UK Mobile Force, responsible for the early land reinforcement of Denmark and northwestern Germany.

The Nato rapid reaction corps, for which Britain is to supply 55,000 troops and which will be commanded by a British lieutenant-general, will also be boosted by a "substantial" number of individual reservists and Territorial Army units.

The policy document underlined the importance of the TA for the army of the 1990s. With a smaller cut envisaged — from the present 75,000 to about 65,000 — the TA would also take on a greater responsibility for the direct defence of the UK.

Since most of the cuts will be in Germany and with a large proportion of the army being based in the UK, the paper said that existing training areas would still be required.

Although the commitment to Northern Ireland remains unchanged, there will be more frequent use of the Royal Marines. Under a radical reorganisation of the army's support services, two special corps are to be formed: a service support corps will encompass the Royal Corps of Transport, the Royal Ordnance Corps, the Royal Pioneer Corps and the Army Catering Corps; an equipment support corps will be based largely on the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

Safe but squeezed: the Gurkhas are to stay but their numbers will be halved

Loss of two Scottish battalions 'a heavy blow'

By KERRY GILL

THE amalgamation of four Scottish regiments, including the Royal Scots, the oldest infantry regiment in Britain, was deeply regretted by Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Graham, GOC Scotland and Colonel Commandant of the Scottish Division.

Sir Peter, speaking immediately after hearing the decision, which will mean a reduction of 1,300 from the division's 4,500 soldiers over three to four years, said: "This is a very sad and desolate day for the Scottish Division. Needless to say, all of us in the division are very deeply upset.

"It is a very heavy blow to bear. We have fought hard against the cut of two battalions and have had great support right the way throughout Scotland," he said.

"A decision has now been made. The serving officers and soldiers will have to face up to this situation. But there have been no disbandments. These regiments' histories and their wonderful regimental traditions, which make them so special, will live on albeit in new regiments."

Sir Peter said that the Scottish Division had suffered inequitably. The government decided that The Royal Scots and The King's Own Scottish Borderers should amalgamate, and the Queen's Own Highlanders should amalgamate with The Gordon Highlanders. That will mean a reduction of two regular battalions from the Scottish Division.

Sir Peter, who has served in The Gordon Highlanders for 36 years, said the regiment's territorial links and esprit de corps would live on. "Amalgamations have taken place in the past, my own regiment amalgamated in 1881 and a wonderful regiment arose from that. It will be the job of the serving officer and soldiers to ensure each of these amalgamations has the same result."

He said it was impossible to go into more detail because he had only just heard the announcement. Sir Peter thought it was likely that the amalgamations would take place within four years. "Obviously at this time no decisions have been made on names, dress, customs or regimental traditions. These will all have to be considered carefully by the regiments themselves. But the important factor is the serving soldier.

"It is important that all five regiments of the future Scottish Division continue to serve and add further laurels to the reputation of the Scottish soldier."

The Royal Scots, also known as The Royal Regiment, claims to be the oldest in the world that has seen continual service. The claim has been challenged only by two now-defunct Spanish regiments and the French Picardy regiment.

Unionists soften criticism over UDR

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE officer commanding the army in Northern Ireland yesterday welcomed the merger between the Ulster Defence Regiment and the Royal Irish Rangers which, he said, would enhance the battle against terrorism.

Unionist politicians, some of whom had accused the government of betraying the UDR when the merger proposal was disclosed, toned down their criticism. Nationalists and the Irish government gave it a guarded welcome while Sinn Fein condemned the new Royal Irish Regiment as the UDR under a different name.

Speaking at the army headquarters at Lisburn, Co Antrim, Lieutenant-General Sir John Wolsey said the merger was "wholly beneficial". It would enable him to sharpen the anti-terrorist effort by getting more soldiers out on patrol while at the same time reducing and streamlining the administrative element in Ireland.

"Conceptually this is an army-inspired plan which is operationally, and not administratively, driven, and it follows the logical evolution and coming of age of the Ulster Defence Regiment," he said. He added that the merger provided significant enhancements for the UDR, including full integration into the regular army, providing wider career opportunities.

Sir John vigorously rejected claims that the change was little more than a cosmetic exercise which would leave the controversial regiment largely intact.

He added that he hoped Roman Catholic recruiting, which accounts for 30 per cent of Royal Irish Rangers, would continue and that soldiers would still come forward from the Irish Republic.

The army said the new regiment will form on July 1 next year. In advance of that date, mergers among UDR battalions would reduce their number from nine to seven.

MPs are worried and disappointed

By PETER MULLIGAN

THE cuts were greeted with unease and disappointment by MPs yesterday as the news was broken by Tom King, defence secretary, who said army reforms were a thankless task.

The bitterest note during an hour of Commons exchanges came from Jerry Wiggin, Tory MP for Weston-super-Mare. He said that the ancillary services had been stretched to the absolute limit during the Gulf conflict, and added of Mr King: "Some of us do not believe in the basic calculations on which he has propounded his statement."

Winston Churchill, Tory MP for Davyhulme, protested that a 35 per cent cut would be made in the teeth of the force but only 15 per cent in the strength of the civil servants and civilians "who will be stronger in numbers than the whole British army. There are many people in this country and in this House who would like to see those proportions reversed."

Mr King accused him of doing a disservice to the civilian staff who included merchant seaman, people repairing engines and tanks and those at the Atomic Weapons Establishment.

O'Neill: "Many people's lives will be blighted"

Paisley: "Outrage and concern in Ulster"

Martin O'Neill, shadow defence secretary, said many employees would have their lives blighted and demanded that redundancy and severance payments should reflect the conditions of the recession.

Sir Patrick Duffy, former Labour defence minister feared the cuts might lead to an overstretching of forces in peace time and a dangerous shortage in times of tension.

Andrew Welsh, Labour MP for Angus East, said there would be "dismay and anger" that four out of seven Scottish regiments would be affected by the cuts.

Dr Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist, predicted "deep outrage, concern and anger" among the Ulster Defence Regiment over its merger with the Royal Irish Rangers — "especially when 240 of their members have been killed by the IRA".

Labour launches a design blueprint

By SIMON TAIT
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour party has produced a policy which it believes will reverse Britain's reputation for poor design and contribute to better industrial performance if Labour wins the general election.

Formulated jointly by Gordon Brown, the Opposition trade and industry spokesman, Jack Straw (education spokesman) and Mark Fisher (arts), *Design the 90s* is intended to be a blueprint for better standards of design in industry and government.

Under the policy, the Design Council would become the Design Foundation, with more muscle, more money and intrinsic partnership with industry and training organisations; small firms would be able to get advice from one-stop shops set up with the help of chambers of commerce and local enterprise agencies; regional technology trusts would promote electronic design methods and regional development agencies would integrate design in their policies. Mr Fisher outlined the policy in his Paul Hamlyn lecture last week.

He said the policy document "highlights how government can use its power as a consumer, spending, as it does at present, £37 billion a year on goods and services, most of which have to be designed, to set a good example to industry and use design effectively". The policy is expected to be formally launched by Neil Kinnock in September.

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Top civil servant censured

The Commons public accounts committee has taken the rare step of naming and censuring a top civil servant after an investigation into controls in Northern Ireland's health service.

The MPs have given John Hunter, chief executive in the province's health and personal social services management executive, three months to prove that he is doing his job properly. As accounting officer, Mr Hunter is responsible for a budget of about £1 billion this year.

The Commons committee concluded yesterday: "It seems to us that he was trying to suggest that delegation to the [health] boards absolved him from being answerable to us on his full accounting responsibilities."

Drink-test drop

Fewer than one in five drivers in England and Wales failed breath tests in 1990 despite a 10 per cent increase in roadside tests administered by police, the Home Office announced. Of the 596,600 tests last year, 93,200, or 16 per cent, were positive, against 18 per cent in 1989 and 25 per cent in 1987. Over the Christmas and new year period, 5 per cent of tests produce positive findings.

Losses avoided

The Royal Opera House broke even last year in spite of carrying over a £2.9 million deficit from the year before. In the annual report, Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover, the chairman, said that losses were avoided with the help of record attendances and by compulsory redundancies and the cancellation of new productions. The house's underlying financial position, however, was still critical.

Attack by MPs

The all-party Commons committee on Welsh affairs yesterday accused the Welsh Office of complacency over the salmonella outbreak in North Wales in 1989 in which three people died. The committee's report also condemned the Clwyd area health authority and Delyn borough council for not co-operating during the outbreak and causing public confusion by issuing conflicting advice.

Sex bias award

An industrial tribunal has awarded a Liverpool woman £2,350 compensation against Intacab, a cab firm which prevented her from working lucrative night shifts. Anne Cullen, aged 38, was told that it was not company policy to allow women to drive at night " because they would need assistance if there was any trouble, and company vehicles would be potentially subject to increased damage".

Museums plea

Tim Renton, the arts minister, has called for a "freedom charter" for local museums and galleries to release them from what he called stifling bureaucratic controls. Giving the keynote address at the annual Museums Association conference in Newcastle upon Tyne, he said that he wants the museums to have competitive tendering and to be able to raise private funding.

Parents welcome

Parents should be able to stay with their children in hospital and help to care for them whenever possible, according to guidelines announced by Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, yesterday. The guidelines say that parents are essential for a child's wellbeing in hospital and should be able to sleep in or near their child's room, free of charge.

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Thousands of dedicated walkers are urged to become more militant in their battle to open up beauty spots

Ramblers wield the weapon of trespass

Millions of acres of British countryside are forbidden to the public. **Peter Davenport** reports on the start of a new campaign

DAVE HETHERINGTON

Battle line: veteran campaigner Benny Rothman leads fellow trespassers across Thurlstone Moor. The moor will be a focal point of Forbidden Britain Day in September

IN THE mist and drizzle high up on Thurlstone Moor, on the eastern slopes of the Pennines next to the busy Woodhead Pass through the Peak National Park, a determined group of walkers yesterday staged a trespass on land from which they are forbidden.

The Ramblers' Association organised the symbolic protest to launch the latest phase of its campaign to secure the right to roam across millions of acres of closed countryside. The association wants to see yesterday's scene re-enacted throughout Britain to bring pressure on the government and landowners to provide greater access

The association, which admits to an increasing militancy in the pursuit of its aims, is to begin encouraging its 160,000 members, their families and the public to stage "mini-trespasses" in areas of countryside which are privately owned. Later this year it will publish a trespass guide to encourage walkers to roam on Thurlstone Moor, 12 square miles of moorland between Yorkshire and Lancashire, which is owned by Yorkshire Water, with the sporting rights retained by the industrialist Sir Thomas Pilkington.

That will be the first in a series of "mini-trespass guides" on closed land around the country. Chris Hall, president of the Ramblers' Association, said yesterday: "We expect this to be a long campaign but we are prepared to give it as long as it takes to secure our aims. Trespassing is not a criminal offence and we want more people to understand that.

"The new campaign is designed to break down the psychological barrier that because somebody owns a piece of land you cannot go on to it. We hope the scale of the mini-trespasses will help convince the government and landowners of the size of support for greater access."

Trespass is a civil, not a criminal offence, and landowners have the right to ask those found on their land to leave and to use the minimum force necessary if they refuse. They can also sue for any damage inflicted on their land by trespassers.

Mr Hall discounted fears that the new campaign of mini-trespasses could lead to confrontations in the countryside between walkers and landowners and their staff. David Beskine, who is producing the trespass guides, said: "We have never encouraged people to break the law and we will advise them to leave land if they are asked to do so."

The guides will contain a summary of the law on trespass, access points to the land, and walking routes. Ramblers will stage a mass trespass on Thurlstone Moor as one of 25 events around the country on its "Forbidden Britain Day" on September 29, when it will highlight individual problems of access. Yesterday Benny Rothman, an 80-year-old campaigner who was jailed for his part in the original mass trespass on Kinder Scout in the Peak District of Derbyshire in 1932, said: "Yorkshire Water insist on keeping this land exclusively for a handful of grouse shooters on a handful of days of each year. Grouse might only be shot on ten days a year, leaving 355 days free for ramblers. But walkers are banned from Thurlstone Moor on all 365 days, just to satisfy the whims of grouse shooters."

The ramblers say that up to half a million acres of land owned by the privatised water companies are at risk and they want to be able to negotiate agreements

Miles Foulger, the conservation and recreation manager for Yorkshire Water, said the company operated a policy of improving access to its 72,000 acres of land by creating new pathways, car parks, facilities for the disabled and for water sports. There were already two public footpaths on Thurlstone Moor, he said, but the issue of wider access was complicated because the sporting rights were and always had been in other, private, hands and the owner did not wish to enter into an access agreement.

"We have to balance many issues, such as conservation, the widlife and the sporting rights, as well as those of the ramblers."

Access fight 'out of date'

By John Young

THE campaign for more public access to open countryside has been stimulated in the past decade by fears of the effects of Thatcher-inspired privatisation. But large landowners, such as the Forestry Commission and the newly privatised water companies, say the campaign is out of date.

Since 1981 the Forestry Commission has had to meet government targets for the disposal of land deemed surplus to its operational needs. By March 1989 it had sold about 140,000 hectares, for which it received about £124 million. It must now dispose of a further 100,000 hectares by the end of the century and estimates that will raise £150 million.

Some of the land which it sold during the 1980s has since been fenced off and closed to the public. But the commission says that the position has radically changed since June 1989, when the government announced that all future sales would carry a stipulation that public access must be retained. It now invites the local authority to place an access order on land which it proposes to sell, and to include it as a condition of sale. The order can range from the retention of footpaths and bridleways to a "right to roam".

The commission claims that this is a better system than legislating against landowners, as the Labour party and the Ramblers' Association would prefer.

Fears that large moorland areas owned by the former water authorities would be sold off and enclosed have been largely unfounded, mainly because of a collapse in land values.

Acquitted man to give evidence in killing case

THE High Court yesterday cleared the way for one of two men who a mother alleges murdered her teenage daughter to give evidence in a legal action for damages.

Gail Halford maintains that Michael Brookes and his stepson Fitzroy murdered her daughter Lynn Siddons, aged 16, 13 years ago and is claiming damages against them. Fitzroy Brookes, who was 15 at the time of the killing, was acquitted of murder in 1978 after saying that he acted under duress from his stepfather. Michael Brookes was never charged.

Mrs Halford, of Alvaston, Derby, was in court to hear Mr Justice Rougier refuse to set aside a subpoena compelling Fitzroy to give evidence on her behalf. That decision was upheld later yesterday by the Court of Appeal.

The case is the first civil action in which damages have been claimed for a murder of which no-one was convicted. Lynn's body was found near the Trent and Mersey canal in Barrow upon Trent, Derbyshire. She had been strangled and stabbed 40 times.

Adrian Whitfield, QC, for Fitzroy Brookes, said yesterday that requiring his client to give evidence was an oppressive step, and an abuse of the courts process for which he could find no legal authority. He said that the move could expose his client to charges of assault or perjury, and subverted his right not to give evidence.

The judge said that there was no doubt that Fitzroy Brookes was able to give crucial evidence on the issues before the court. The reality was that Mrs Halford wanted his evidence to use against Michael Brookes. By definition, it was hardly likely to be oppressive to Fitzroy. Any questions of self-incrimination could be dealt with as and when they arose.

The full High Court case is likely to open today.

Russian in £40m safe deposit raid gets 12 years

By David Young

Rubin: bought car in New York days after the theft

A RUSSIAN who fled to the West to seek his fortune was jailed yesterday for his part in Britain's biggest robbery. Eric Rubin, aged 53, was sentenced to a total of 12 years at the Old Bailey on two charges of robbery and two of using firearms, despite a claim by defence counsel that he was too ill to have taken part.

Mr Alan Rawley, QC, for the defence, said Rubin, who suffers from chronic bronchitis and asthma, heart disease, diabetes and circulation problems had a maximum life expectancy of 15 years and only two or three if he suffered a severe bronchial attack.

Rubin was the last member of a gang to be convicted and sentenced for the £40 million raid on a safe deposit centre at Knightsbridge, central London. The others were arrested a month after the robbery, which took place on Sunday July 12, 1987.

Rubin travelled from New York to take part and within days was back there buying a car. The Common Serjeant of London, Judge Lymbery, QC, told him: "You were playing for high stakes."

Nigel Sweeney, for the prosecution, said that the raid was planned by Rubin, who had contacts in the "red mafia" — Russian gangsters based in the Brighton Beach district of New York — and Valerio Viccei, an Italian criminal who wanted to become the world's top robber. It was carried out with the connivance of the co-owner of the deposit centre, Parvez Latif, who is serving 18 years for his part in the robbery.

Viccei and Rubin posed as potential customers. They produced firearms, chained the security guards and, helped by other robbers, smashed open 121 deposit boxes. They took enough cash to fill Viccei's bath, plus gold and silver items, jewellery and drugs.

Rubin later returned to London to pick up a $100,000 down-payment on his cut. He drove 3,500 miles from New York to Los Angeles, crossed into Canada and flew to Israel. He was trying to obtain Israeli citizenship when British police caught him and arranged extradition.

How PC arrested rapist

THE local policeman who tracked and arrested the escaped rapist known as the wolf man said yesterday that he saw him carrying a fishing rod and asked: "Caught any fish, mate?"

James Saunders, aged 24, replied "No" and minutes later, after Constable John Jones called for back-up, he was arrested. Saunders put his hands in the air and said, "Fair enough, guv'nor", and the hunt was over.

Saunders escaped from Broadmoor on Sunday. The arrest on Monday night came after a member of the public telephoned police in Dorset to say he thought he saw him walking along the road to Corscombe.

PC Jones, aged 32, a rural beat officer who was on patrol, went to investigate and drove along the road. "Walking towards me was a man carrying a fishing rod. I slowed down, wound the window down, smiled and said: 'Caught any fish, mate?'

"He said no and I instantly recognised who he was. He kept touching his nose to cover his harelip. I remained fairly calm and, bearing in mind his reputation and that he is extremely fit and I was on my own, I thought it would be best to pretend I had not realised who he was and I left him to walk along the road."

PC Jones yesterday: "I remained fairly calm"

The officer drove round a bend out of sight and called for assistance from colleagues in the Avon and Somerset police. After they joined him, he drove into the village of Corscombe.

"I pulled up quite close to him, jumped out and said: 'You are under arrest' and cautioned him. He saw a number of my colleagues and put his hands in the air and said 'Fair enough guv'nor' and then put them on the roof of the car."

Saunders was handcuffed and driven to Weymouth police station where he was collected by Broadmoor staff.

● The Special Hospitals Service Authority is to hold an enquiry into the escape and report within a week.

Two jailed for £40m computer plot

A FORMER policeman and his accomplice were each jailed for five years yesterday for their parts in an attempted £40 million computer fraud.

Murray Stewart and Jonathon Gould, and an unidentified person inside British Aerospace, were part of a plot to channel funds from the company into an off-shore account. However, their scheme backfired after a suspicious bank manager tipped off police, prompting a worldwide investigation, Bristol Crown Court wqs told.

Passing sentence, Mr Justice Schiemann said: "You are both known criminals who were attracted by the lure of easy money and were prepared to do anything to get your hands on it. I am treating you relatively leniently as I believe you were recruited rather than the recruiters."

Stewart, aged 65, a former Australian drugs runner, of Mascat, Sydney, and Gould, aged 50, of Hove, West Sussx, tried to open a bank account in the Isle of Man to handle millions of pounds. Last September the pair told the bank manager in Douglas the cash was to be used in a top secret government operation to free British hostages held in Iran.

Of the £40 million to be transferred in the complex computer deception, £20 million was destined for the insider at British Aerospace.

Roger Titheridge, QC, for the prosecution, said: "There was no plan to provide money by or through British Aerospace to release hostages from the Middle East. There was, however, a plan to defraud British Aerospace... They expected a share of the money for their part in the plot."

Dudley Eustace, BAe's director of finance, said that no money had vanished from the company. He told the court that alarm bells would have gone off in the system if anyone had tried to transfer funds without authority.

French gas gang robs more Britons

MORE Britons have fallen victim to the French railway gas gang. They were robbed after being made unconscious in their beds. All were in sleeping compartments on a train from the south of France on July 20 when the gang struck.

Victims included a Norwich solicitor, Gary Leverett, his wife, Anne, and their three children, who, aware of a previous attack, had barricaded themselves in their compartment after putting their car on the Brive to Paris train. Mr Leverett, aged 34, said that up to eight other British families on the train were also robbed.

The gang sprays gas into a couchette compartment while its occupants are asleep and uses a key to enter it to steal valuables.

Mrs Leverett said: "I woke at about 4am with a splitting headache, but it wasn't until two hours later, when I went to get my bag, that I realised we had been robbed."

Mr Leverett said: "At breakfast, other English families offered to lend us money after hearing we had been robbed, but when they looked in their wallets, they had been robbed, too, without knowing it."

● A holidaymaker from the Midlands lay clinically dead and another British tourist was being treated for serious stab wounds yesterday in Tenerife after separate incidents at Playa de Las Americas. Police held a Spanish security guard in connection with events that left Mark Edward Staples, aged 18, of Coventry, clinically dead. The other injured Briton, Robert Victor Whiting, aged 24, of Broxburn, East Lothian, had been stabbed and robbed.

Gorman a hypocrite, jury told

By Robin Young

A CONSERVATIVE businessman being sued by his Tory MP for libel claimed yesterday that he had written a mock press release ridiculing her only because her hypocrisy was "the straw that broke the camel's back".

Anthony Mudd told a High Court jury of ten women and two men that he wrote the release to defend himself against Teresa Gorman, MP for Billericay, who was "writing to the highest in the land saying I was a cheat, a fraud, a scam and a con". Everything in his release, circulated to local Tories, was true, he said.

He denied that he was angry because the MP had stopped him taking American tourists to dine at the Commons.

The case continues today.

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Trust launched in pursuit of an island dream

By Kerry Gill

FOUR self-confessed visionaries yesterday launched a scheme to raise £3 million to buy the Inner Hebridean island of Eigg, described as the world's most expensive stretch of bracken.

The four, who announced their attempt with a denunciation of private landlords in the Highlands and Islands, have established the Isle of Eigg Trust with the aim of returning ownership of Eigg to the 70 inhabitants and eventually making it home for up to 200 self-sufficent crofters, spinners and fishermen.

The island is jointly owned by Keith Schellenberg and his former wife, the Hon Margaret de Hauteville Udny-Hamilton, now Mrs Williams. A Scottish court last year ordered Mr Schellenberg to sell Eigg, which he bought for £250,000 in 1975, to settle a matrimonial dispute with his ex-wife.

Mrs Williams recently decided that she wanted her share of Eigg's capital. A court is expected to value the island, thought to be worth £2 million or more, later this summer and Mr Schellenberg has said that it should be on the market by spring.

The inspiration for the trust came from a crofter, Tom Forsyth, who has spent the past 27 years resuscitating the once-derelict crofting township at Scoraig, on the shore of Little Loch Broom in Wester Ross. The protracted legal dispute gave him the encouragement to try to turn Eigg over to the community.

Mr Schellenberg, however, who travelled to Edinburgh yesterday to defend his tenure of Eigg, virtually told the trustees, none of whom lives on the island, that they were hopeless dreamers. "What concerns me is the idea people get that an island can support an unlimited number of people. If you couldn't expect people to live on kelp 200 years ago, what is going to happen now?" he asked. "All you will end up with is a huge number of people living on social security and being very unhappy."

One of the trust's aims is to form a centre where professionals can learn how to make dry stone walls, shear sheep and tend cattle. Mr Schellenberg, recalling his legal bills over the past 12 months, said: "The bit I liked best was the lawyers mucking out the byre. I would pay handsomely for that."

He added: "I cannot see it as being anything more than a paradise for people who want to take the easy option. Most of the islanders would prefer a private owner than risk the huge cultural upheaval this would cause."

No one appears to have discussed the idea with the islanders, although Mr Forsyth said that a public meeting would be held on Eigg within the next few weeks.

Sellafield site is chosen for nuclear dump

By RONALD FAUX

SELLAFIELD, in West Cumbria, was named yesterday as the preferred site for a £2.5 billion underground nuclear waste store in which radioactive material would be stored for 10,000 years and beyond.

UK Nirex, the nuclear waste management company, said that it chose Sellafield because two thirds of the country's nuclear waste was generated there, and developing the alternative location at Dounreay, in Caithness, would add £1 billion in transport costs over 50 years.

The decision was no surprise in Gosforth, two miles from Sellafield. Villagers said that it was not Sellafield and the British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL) reprocessing plant that had been favoured, but 250 acres of unspoilt countryside near their homes and on the fringe of the Lake District national park. They pledged to oppose the plans because of fears that surface works for the store could mean their village being dominated by four winding shafts, each higher than Nelson's column.

However, Harold Bolter, BNFL company secretary, said that the entrance to the 2,600ft deep repository would be as close to the BNFL site as possible. "If it is possible to access it from the Sellafield site that is something we will do," he said. "We will try to get it as far as possible away from the main road dividing Sellafield from Gosforth and the national park."

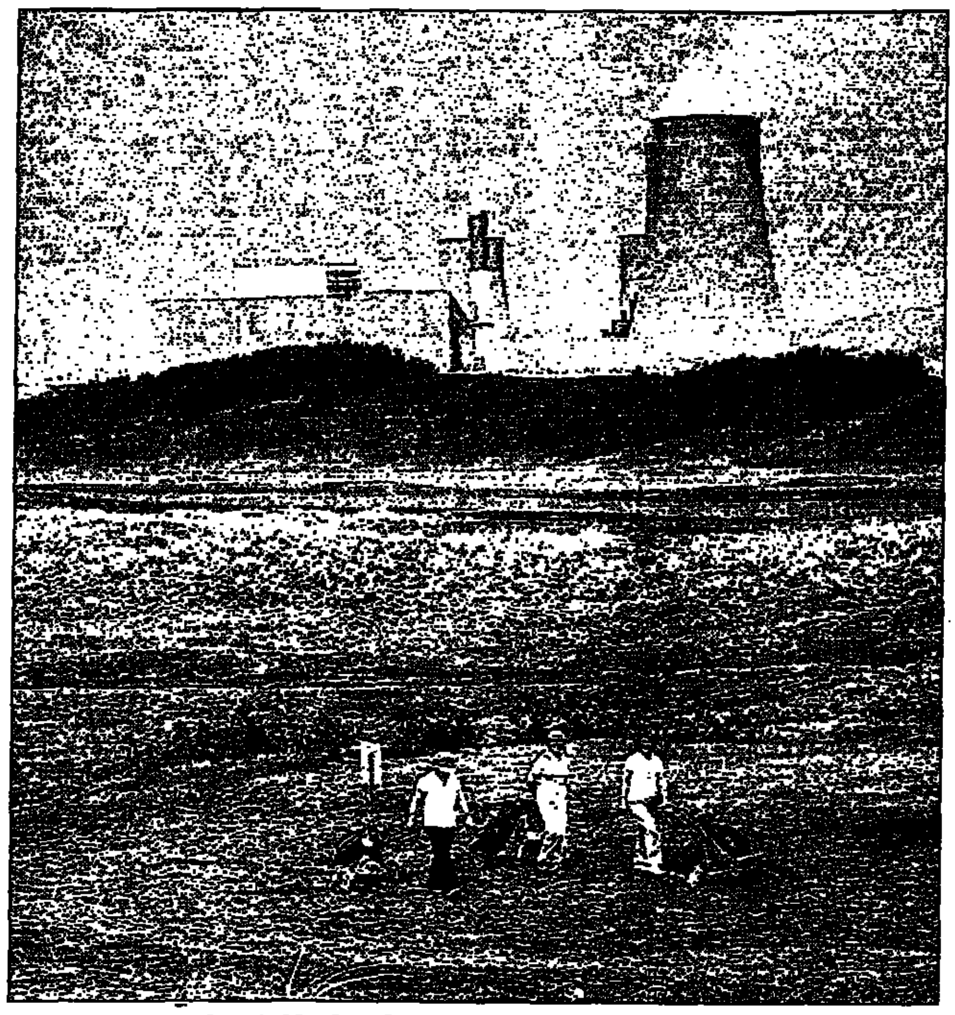
Michael Folger, managing director designate of UK Nirex, said that the project would ultimately match in scale the Channel tunnel scheme, but would take place over 60 years, rather than six, and activity would be on a much lesser scale. Further geological tests were needed.

"It is possible we will live to regret this decision, but we believe it is sensible in terms of conservation of our resources," Mr Folger said. "I believe that Cumbrians will come to appreciate that nuclear safety of the repository is not going to be an issue."

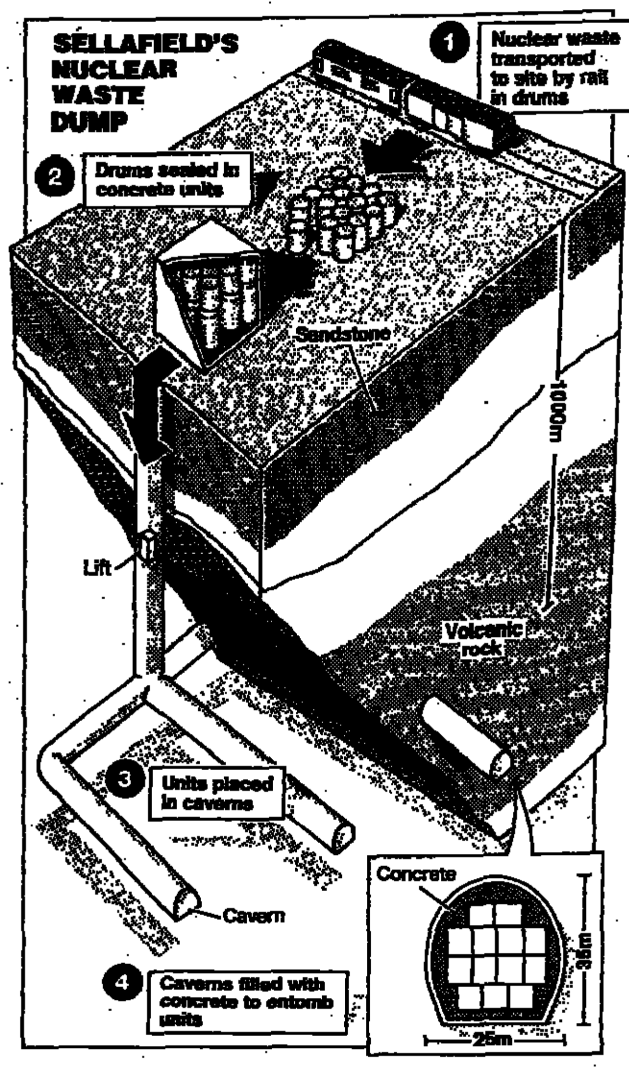
UK Nirex has spent £50 million on the project and hopes to make a planning application by the end of next year, after which a public enquiry is expected, with a ministerial decision by 1995. Underground investigations and construction would take ten years, with opening planned for 2005. The store would take thousands of tonnes of low-level and intermediate waste and would take 50 years to fill, after which it would be managed and monitored for ever.

Five hundred possible sites in Britain were originally identified, but, two years ago, after many protests, Nirex focused on Sellafield and Dounreay, which already had nuclear facilities. BNFL management welcomed the Sellafield choice, although in Gosforth strong reservations were expressed, even among supporters of the nuclear industry and BNFL workers. One objector said that construction traffic would be intolerable.

Members of Cumbrians Opposed to a Radioactive Environment argued that there was no evidence that underground storage was safe.



Contest ahead: Sellafield, where local people oppose a £2.5 billion nuclear dump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FoE brands decision as cynical

By NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE decision to build Britain's first underground nuclear depository at Sellafield was ridiculed yesterday by environmentalists as "an astonishing coincidence".

"They build a nuclear station and, nearly 50 years later, well, what a piece of luck. The geology has also been found to be ideal for dumping nuclear waste ... so they claim," said Pat Green, radiation campaigner for Friends of the Earth. Dr Green, in common with groups such as Greenpeace, accused UK Nirex of cynical political expediency. He claimed the site and the system being proposed, which aims to contain nuclear waste until it is radioactively benign, were full of uncertainties.

Some of the waste will take up to 250,000 years to become safe. Making computer predictions as to the way the geology, the waste and the groundwaters will behave over these time scales is like "peering into tea leaves", he said.

Nirex argues that test drillings at Sellafield indicate that the Borrowdale volcanic rock 500 to 1,000 metres below Cumbria is highly stable. The depository would be the world's deepest.

The plan calls for three caverns, each 250 metres long and 35 metres high, that might eventually hold up to 1.4 million tonnes of low-level waste, which would include contaminated gloves and paper, and 600,000 tonnes of intermediate waste, such as sludge from reactor claddings.

The waste, encased in steel drums and boxes and put into batches of concrete grouting, will arrive by train and be lowered by lift into the depository. It will then be moved by a series of trains and cranes before being entombed in more concrete.

Environmentalists argue that this would make the waste impossible to monitor, and retrieve in the event of an accident. But Nirex claims it has been developing a special concrete that can be easily drilled to retrieve a container.

One of the environmentalists' main concerns is that gases, formed as waste rots and the metal containers corrode, will generate huge pressures and possibly explosions, allowing radioactive materials to escape to the surface.

Nissan UK begins 'life or death' legal fight

Nissan UK yesterday began a struggle for survival in its legal battle to prevent the Japanese Nissan Motor Company setting up its own distribution network.

Nissan UK, based in Worthing, West Sussex, and headed by Ivan Botnar, is challenging in the Court of Appeal a ruling by the Vice-Chancellor, Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, that the dispute with Japanese Nissan over the termination of Nissan UK's exclusive distributorship must go to arbitration in Japan. The UK company also challenges his refusal to grant an injunction preventing the Japanese manufacturer starting its own distribution network next year.

Anthony Grabiner, QC, for Nissan UK, told the court yesterday that if no injunction were granted, Japanese Nissan could set up its own UK dealership immediately, gaining the full benefit of the UK market which Nissan UK had nurtured over many years. If the "life or death" appeal failed Nissan UK would be finished, he said. The case continues today.

Captain accused

Cyprus is to prosecute the captain of the Cypriot-registered ship Zulfikar, which was in collision with the British trawler Wilhemina J in the Channel on April 10, for failing to stop and help the trawler's crew. The Wilhemina J sank with the loss of all six aboard.

Doctor jailed

Dr Bhudhar Chandra Roy, aged 61, of Bramcote, Nottinghamshire, who carried out indecent internal examinations on women patients, was jailed for 18 months for indecent assault by Nottingham crown court.

Heirlooms to go

The Howard family of Castle Howard, North Yorkshire, is to sell more than 1,800 heirlooms, including Old Masters, to pay for restoration and maintenance work.

Crash kills four

Two men and two women were killed when a van and a motor cycle collided near Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire.

Australian held

An Australian man arrested in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, for indecent exposure is awaiting extradition after Australian police said he was wanted for abduction, rape and other sexual offences.

Inspector Morse changes his beat

JOHN THAW takes temporary leave of *Inspector Morse* to star with Michael Elphick and Geraldine James in *Stanley and the Women*, a drama series based on Kingsley Amis's novel, in ITV's £160 million autumn programme line-up.

Minder returns with George Cole as Arthur and a new Terry played by Gary Webster. His old sidekick, Dennis Waterman, teams up with Jan Francis for a third series of the comedy drama *Stay Lucky*.

The ITV companies are banking on home-grown drama, bought-in mini series and box-office feature films to win viewers and impress the Independent Television Commission, which will be awarding new programme contracts later this year.

The comedian Harry Enfield makes his television drama debut in the series *Gone to the Dogs*, and John Hurt stars in *Red Fox*, a three-part thriller written by Gerald Seymour.

Top films scheduled include *Who's That Girl?* and *Shanghai Express* with Madonna, *Fatal Attraction*, starring Michael Douglas and Glenn Close, and *Wall Street* with Michael Douglas again.

Geraldine James: stars in *Stanley and the Women*

Island foxed by a plague of rabbits

By ROBIN YOUNG

ISLANDERS on Lundy, 30 miles from the north Devon coast, are eating rabbit for breakfast, lunch and dinner but are still losing their battle against a plague of bunnies.

At the Marisco Tavern, the island's only public house, the daily menu includes rabbit pie and rabbit in Guinness and ale. Yet the animals breed as proverbially as ever. It is estimated that more than 20,000 are chomping round Lundy's five square miles, eroding the clifftops, undermining footpaths and depriving farm animals of grazing.

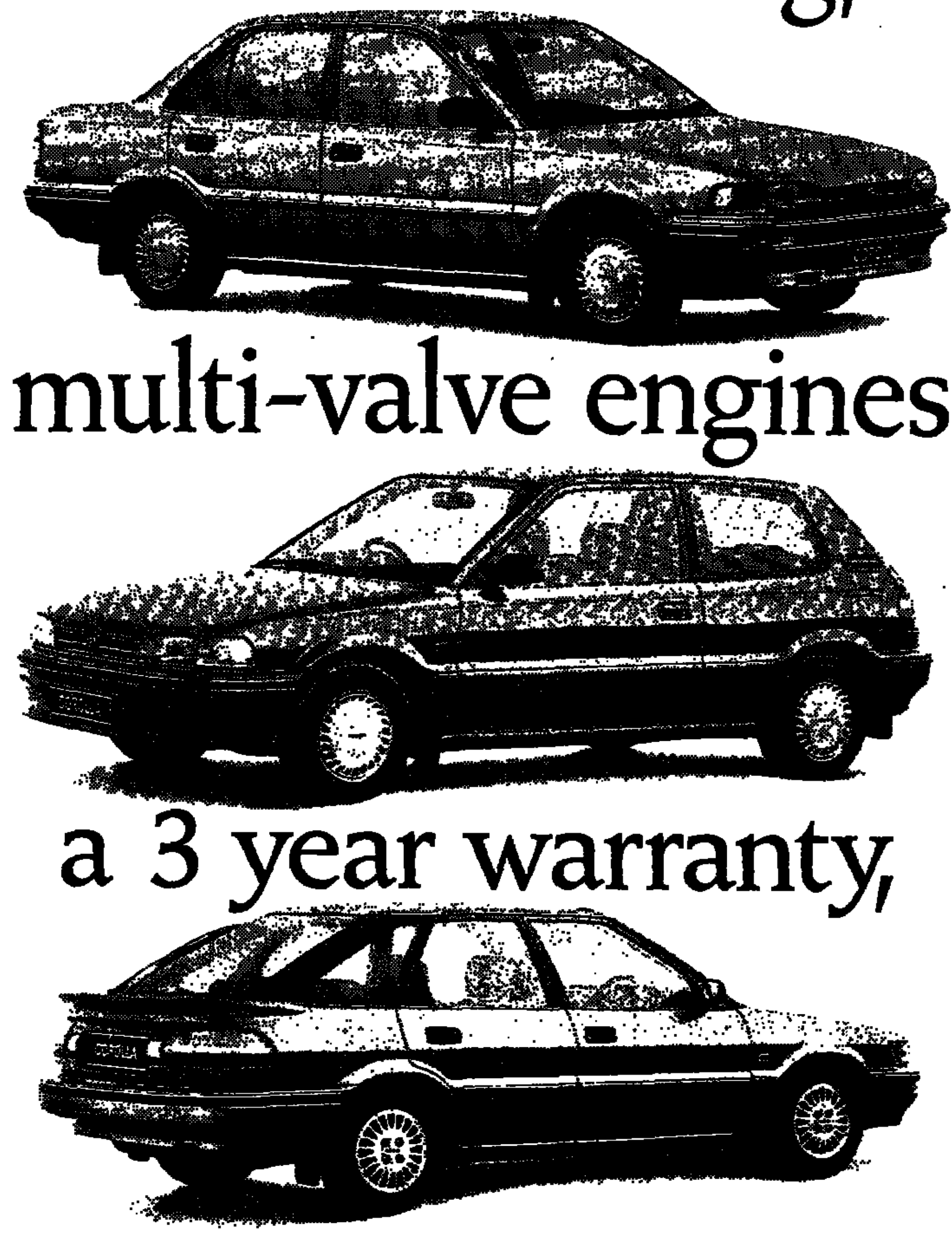
Sharpshooters invited to cull the rabbits with shotguns are hampered by the hundreds of visitors who wander over the island in the summer.

John Puddy, estate manager for the island's owners, the National Trust, blames mild winters and an absence of predators for the rabbits' proliferation. There are no foxes on Lundy.

He said yesterday: "It is a problem nationally but it is especially bad here. The rabbits are doing a lot of damage, undermining old stone walls and making it difficult to use farm machinery because the wheels keep getting stuck in the burrows.

"It is difficult to gas them because the warrens are so vast and they spend so much time out on the surface eating."

However, last week one man shot 300 rabbits without, he says, even trying very hard. Happily, Mr Puddy adds, the rabbit recipes do seem popular with tourists.



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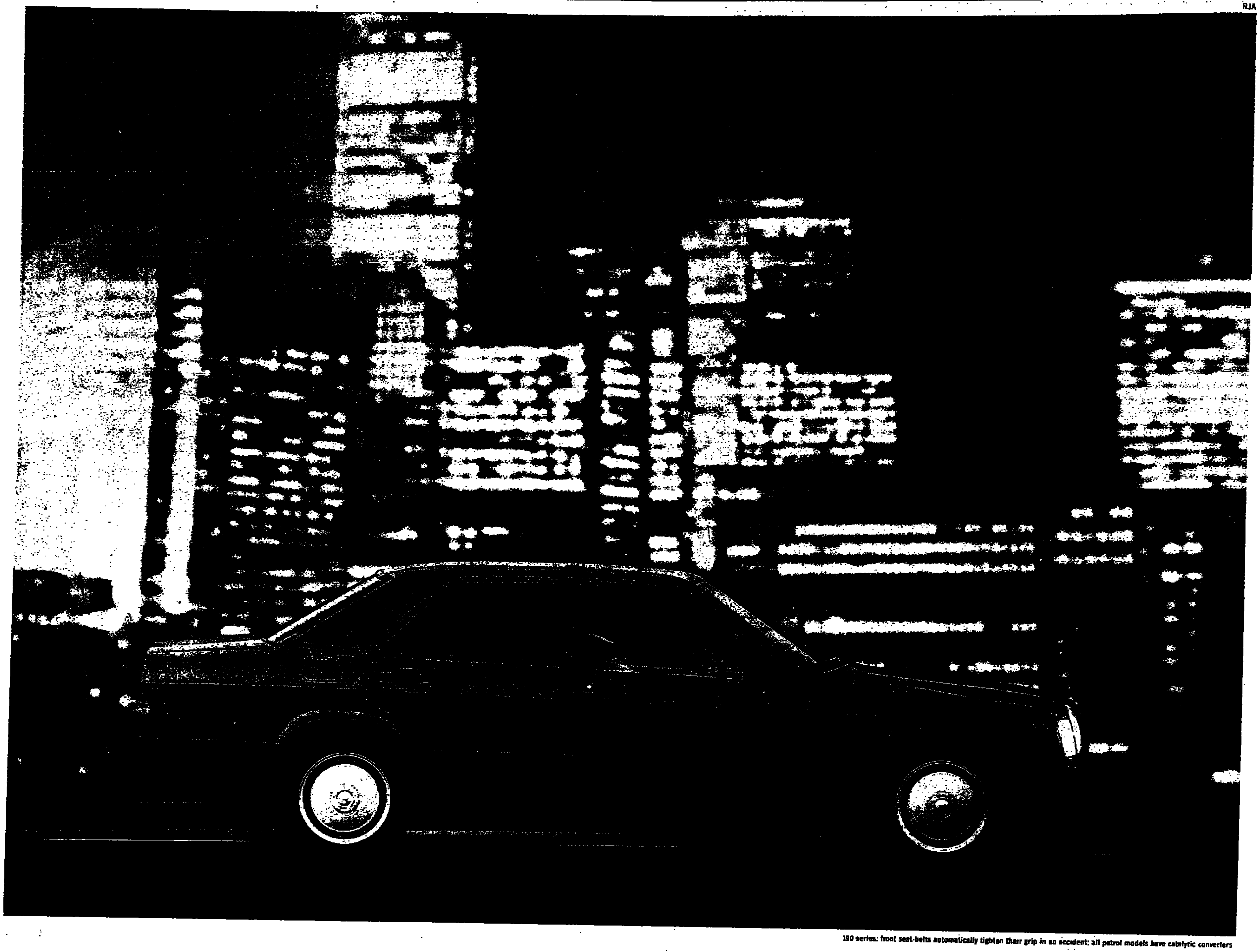

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Labour NEC starts procedure to expel 'Militant' Fields

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

LABOUR'S national executive today will ignore far-left warnings of a party split and embark on moves to expel Terry Fields, the Liverpool Broadgreen MP, over his alleged links with the Militant tendency.

Mr Fields, who is serving a 60-day prison sentence for his refusal to pay the poll tax, has been found by an official party enquiry to be involved in the Militant organisation. He will be accused today of "sustaining a course of conduct prejudicial to the party".

In order to meet the requirements of natural justice, today's meeting is expected to give Mr Fields a chance to appear before the national executive in September after his release from Walton jail. He will then be suspended from holding party office, a move that in itself will prevent him standing for Labour at the next election, before his expected expulsion by the party's national constitutional committee.

Similar action is also likely to be taken against Dave Nellist, MP for Coventry South East. No specific recommendations about Mr Nellist are made in the 112-page dossier from Joyce Gould, Labour's director of organisation, but his alleged activities are highlighted.

On the basis of that, it is expected that a majority of NEC members will propose today that Mr Nellist should suffer the same fate as Mr Fields.

The report's main recommendations state: "Over a period of time Terry Fields has given support to the Militant organisation, promoted Militant policies through speeches and articles, has featured regularly in the *Militant* newspaper and participated in Militant front organisations.

"On the basis of the above, there is a prima facie case for considering that Mr Fields has undertaken active participation in the Militant organisation in breach of Labour party rules and that he has sustained a course of conduct prejudicial to the party."

The report then recommends a further investigation against Mr Fields, with a report to the September meeting at which he would be interviewed. Mrs Gould's accompanying report into Militant and its role at the Walton by-election concludes that it is ironic that Militant had its beginnings in the Walton constituency. The by-election, she says, "marks the beginning of the end of Militant entryism in the Labour party".

Militant said last night, however: "There is no chance of that. They will never ever separate us from the Labour party, even if they expel everybody, and that they cannot do."

Some soft-left members of the NEC may suggest a conciliation move today under which Mr Fields and Mr Nellist would be given a last chance to "renounce and denounce" Militant. But most of the executive is understood to believe that the time has come to grasp the nettle.

Neil Kinnock insisted yesterday that any evidence of party members' support for Militant would lead to expulsion. He said: "Freedom of speech is guaranteed; freedom of opinion is guaranteed. Freedom to belong to Militant tendency or to do things that bring the party into disrepute is not guaranteed. Indeed, under the constitution, it means expulsion from the party."

Emphasising the leadership's hard line, he added: "What they have not got the right to do is belong to groupings that are recognised by the Labour party to have their own separate programmes and propaganda, to finance such organisations, and to conduct themselves in a way that would bring the Labour party into disrepute."

A defiant Mr Nellist said that the dossier could not have been drawn up in a few days. He told a Westminster news conference that highly paid party officials must have spent months compiling it. Mr Nellist, who denies links with Militant, accused the party of "McCarthyist activities".

Fields: accused of being linked to Militant

Luce to retire at election

Sir Richard Luce, the former arts and foreign office minister, is to retire as a Conservative MP at the next election to become vice-chancellor of Buckingham university.

Sir Richard, Lord Carrington and Humphrey Atkins resigned as foreign office ministers in the wake of Argentina's invasion of the Falkland Islands in 1982.

He has been MP for Shoreham since 1971 and had a mjority of more than 17,000 at the last election.

Tree scheme

The government scheme to give farmers cash incentives to plant trees on arable land is to be extended, John Gummer, agriculture minister, announced in a written reply. Applications for grants will continue to be accepted until March 31.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Foreign Office. Debate on an Opposition motion on the economy. Lords (2.30): Armed forces bill, committee and remaining stages. Motion on income support for young people.

MICHAEL POWELL

Steering committee: peers and MPs who have formed an all-party motorcycle group launched the organisation at Westminster yesterday. From the left: Lord St John of Bletso, the Earl of Denbigh, Lord Strathcarron, Viscount Craigavon, Michael Jopling and Viscount of Falkland

Rifkind replies to BA protests

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

MALCOLM Rifkind, the transport secretary, delivered a sharp retort yesterday to criticisms of the government's aviation policy from Lord King of Wartnaby, the British Airways chairman. The interests of the public rather than of airlines come first, Mr Rifkind said in a speech to the American Chamber of Commerce in London.

The transport secretary's remarks came in response to Lord King's announcement last week that BA will withhold its annual contribution to Conservative party funds in protest at ministerial decisions that have helped its rivals.

The decision to hand some of BA's precious landing slots at the congested Narita airport in Toyko to rival Virgin Atlantic and the opening of Heathrow to other carriers upset the airline, and the government's decision to double fines on airline for flying in passengers with incorrect travel documents was believed to have been the last straw.

Mr Rifkind answered the criticisms by saying: "The government will decide aviation policy on the basis of what is best for the travelling public and if this conflicts with the interests of any individual airline, the former will take priority".

He added: "The government wishes to see all British airlines prosper and believes that British Airways has benefited over the years from the competition it has received from smaller British airlines. The government will continue to seek to extend the opportunities for all British airlines, in Europe, in the United States, and right around the world." Mr Rifkind said that references to "confiscation of slots" were unfounded.

"No airline has a legal right to a landing or take-off slot. Rather, airlines have permission and this must be subject to the public interest." he said.

Peers give up battle over reviewing life sentences

By John Winder

THE House of Lords, under protest, gave up last night its confrontation with the government and the Commons over different methods of reviewing life sentences.

Peers who had pressed for parole board review of discretionary life sentences for offences other than murder to be extended to mandatory life sentences for murder indicated that they would try again to remove the distinction of treatment at the earliest opportunity.

Commons objections to the latest Lords amendments to the Criminal Justice bill were accepted without a vote, and the bill will be enacted before Parliament rises tomorrow.

Lord Waddington, leader of the Lords, said that peers who had served on the select committee on murder and life imprisonment that recommended changes had won much of what they had sought. The power to defer release on parole board decision for a few months had been dropped by the government.

Lord Richard, for the Opposition, agreed that the bill should now go through, although they were left with the extraordinary position of a dual system of dealing with life sentence prisoners: the one, for discretionary life sentences, judicial, challengeable and transparent; and the other, executive, on unknown grounds and unchallengeable. It was wrong in principle to lengthen sentences by executive decree. The rejected Lords amendments would have satisfied the requirements of natural justice.

Verbose MPs likely to be gagged

THE rule governing short speeches in the Commons is likely to be extended to give more MPs the chance to intervene in big debates (Robert Morgan writes).

The procedure committee recommended yesterday that the Speaker should be given greater discretion to limit backbench speeches to ten minutes whenever he felt it necessary to do so "for the convenience of the House". At present, the Speaker has some power to set a ten-minute limit during a two-hour period of mainstream debates. The committee, backed by most MPs, including the Speaker, Bernard Weatherill, recommended that the power should be extended. Ministers and Opposition spokesmen opening and winding up debates would not have their time curtailed, although opening speakers are to be asked to keep their speeches to about twenty minutes.

The proposals stem from a survey of all MPs, including ministers, conducted by Sir Peter Emery, the committee chairman. There was a 75 per cent response, and 92 per cent of those favoured a change in standing orders.

Mr Weatherill made clear that he did not envisage a big increase in the use of the short-speech rule.

Citizen's charter: Labour leadership launches counter-attack

Kinnock denounces 'political gimmick at public expense'

By Sheila Gunn, Political Correspondent

NEIL Kinnock accused the Conservatives yesterday of using £8 million of taxpayers' money for pre-election propaganda in promoting the prime minister's white paper on the citizen's charter.

The Labour leader, backed by eight members of the shadow cabinet, denounced John Major's "big idea" as merely a political gimmick at public expense. With the heavyweight line-up suggesting anxiety among the leadership that the prime minister may have discovered a vote-winner, Labour also counter-attacked with a dossier, *Rights Remembered*, of 100 citizen's rights abolished or denied since 1979.

At a Westminster press conference, Mr Kinnock said that the "counterfeit" charter contained a mixture of glib, old, and vague intentions, which were all uncosted. "It might reasonably have been assumed that a citizen's charter that claims to be revolutionary and the 'most comprehensive quality initiative ever', that is launched with £8 million of taxpayers' money as undisclosed Tory party election expenditure, would have something to say about basic citizen's rights. It doesn't."

The white paper had more to do with trying to advance the election chances of the Conservative party than improving the well-being of the British citizen. His prediction for the general election date was November 7.

"The Tories have had 12 years' under-funding, reducing and closing down public services," he added. "The government that offers the citizen's charter for essential services is the same government that has run down or wiped out local services."

John Cunningham, Labour's campaign co-ordinator, rang the charter's freephone number before the press conference. The woman answering had refused to give her name, had told him to speak up and then to call back. She had then put the phone down on him, he said.

Dr Cunningham said: "John Major's big idea turned out to be an even bigger political fraud at the taxpayers' expense. It is a finger-in-the-dike charter and it is going to cost in advertising alone something like £10 million of taxpayers' money."

Hospitals urged to start waiting list phone-lines

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

LEAGUE tables of individual consultants' waiting lists should be made available to the public, William Waldegrave, the health secretary, said yesterday.

He is asking hospitals and health authorities to set up telephone hotlines to help patients and their GPs get quicker treatment under the citizen's charter. People ringing in will be given details of local lists and times for individual doctors. This may be extended to provide "quality" information such as rates of post-operative complications and re-admission rates.

The helplines, modelled on a scheme pioneered by Wessex health authority, will be set up in each of the 14 regions, eventually forming a national network.

Wessex GPs already have access to league tables on consultants' waiting times. From August 1, this information will also be available to patients on the Help for Health hotline. However, consultants have argued that the tables conceal differences in quality, with the best doctors often having the longest lists.

The College of Health yesterday welcomed the publication of consultants' waiting times. "It is up to the medical profession to get its own act in order so that sub-standard treatment is not allowed anywhere," said Marianne Rigge, the college's director.

Mr Waldegrave announced that a patient's charter would be published in early September giving further details about treatment guarantees. It would be up to districts to negotiate different guarantees depending on local circumstances. Where patients could not be treated within the time limit guaranteed, the district or GP fund-holder could appeal to the region.

The region would then pay for the operation at any NHS or private hospital in the country.

CHARTER ISSUES: PARTY POLICIES

EDUCATION

CONSERVATIVE: Annual school reports; league tables comparing school exam results, truancy levels and university entrance figures.

LABOUR: Free nursery education for all children aged three and four; a right to learn for every 16-year-old; home school contracts for every child. Action against racial prejudice. An education standards commission to rule on disputes.

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT: An entitlement to pre-school education for all; expanded access to education through more opportunities for pupils aged over 16.

HEALTH

CONSERVATIVE: Maximum waiting times for operations; fixed appointments for hospital outpatients.

LABOUR: Patients to have right of access to the GP or hospital of their choice; no-fault compensation in the event of injury.

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT: Operations within a specified time limit; choice of doctor and hospital; no-fault compensation; local ombudsman for complaints.

TRANSPORT

CONSERVATIVE: Compensation for poor service for holders of British Rail season tickets; revision of BR's "conditions of carriage"; independent regulator for BR after ending of monopoly. London buses to be privatised.

LABOUR: Consumer protection commission to investigate complaints against BR; penalties for failing to meet higher standards; repeal of BR's carriage condition exempting it from liability for delays.

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT: A private-sector input on the rail network; ombudsman to resolve complaints; financial compensation where trains are late.

UTILITIES

CONSERVATIVE: New powers for the watchdog bodies regulating water, electricity, gas and telephones to enforce compensation payments.

LABOUR: Customer service contracts setting out time limits for repairs; compensation if promises broken.

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT: Greater competition in telephones and restructuring of the privatised gas and electricity industries; tougher regulation of water.

COUNCILS

CONSERVATIVE: Performance league tables highlighting value for money and exposing waste; more contracting out.

LABOUR: Customer contracts for all residents for every service; timetable for dealing with complaints and compensation.

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT: Devolution of power to smaller units; local ombudsman handling complaints; freedom of information; service quality targets.

CONSTITUTION

CONSERVATIVE: Nil.

LABOUR: Annual elections of councillors and wider consultation on local matters; regional councils and assemblies. Freedom of information.

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT: PR to make government responsive to popular demands. Bill of rights; written constitution.

Much too vague and little new, say consumer groups

Watchdog bodies dissecting the citizen's charter found some things to please them but complain it lacks detail, Frances Gibb reports

THE packaging of the citizen's charter was unwrapped by consumer groups yesterday to reveal a mixture of new legal rights and existing remedies dressed up with proposals for better publicity and tougher enforcement sanctions.

Wendy Toms, of the National Consumer Council, said: "It is remarkable how little is really new and what is new is not spelled out in detail."

Among proposals which would provide consumers with new remedies are a national scheme for settling disputes through lay adjudicators and powers for the regulators of services such as gas, water and electricity to award compensation. The government also intends to consult on the possibilities of settling medical negligence schemes through arbitration and is considering making the recommendations of ombudsmen, still flouted by a minority of local councils, legally enforceable.

However, the charter came under attack for its general vagueness over the detail in the new legal rights it intends to provide for consumers.

Miss Toms said that the principles and many of the proposals in the charter were welcome. "We are glad to see the government placing so much emphasis on the setting of clear, well-publicized standards for what consumers have a right to expect, whether it is from British Rail or the National Health Service. But the proposals are vague about how consumers will be consulted in the setting of these standards; there is no mention of involving consumer watchdog bodies either."

Despite the principle of openness underpinning the charter, the Campaign for Freedom of Information said that it failed to include any pledge to introduce a freedom of information act or a bill of rights.

The National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders said a glaring defect was the failure to provide an independent complaints machinery for prisoners.

Miss Toms said that British Rail, London Regional Transport and the Post Office already had compensation schemes, though they were limited, many people did not know about them and they were discretionary. Now the charter wanted to ensure that people knew about them, placing a greater onus on the organisations offering compensation rather than waiting for people to claim.

She welcomed the provision of lay assessors independent of local education authorities. That was a new means of redress for parents. "However, it is worth noting that we have been pressing for those since the Seventies," she said.

One proposal the government intends to consult on, which would pave the way for a speedy, informal way to settle complaints, is for an ombudsman-style scheme under which local lay adjudicators would deal with minor claims for redress which have not been settled in a speedy and satisfactory way by the body against whom the complaint is made.

Tornado seller aims to make the details work

Sir James: not excited by dinner at No 10

By Robin Young

SIR James Blyth, the man chosen to ensure that John Major's citizen's charter works, won his knighthood selling £5 billion worth of fighter planes to Saudi Arabia.

Now chief executive of Boots, he makes light of taking tea with kings, princes or prime ministers. "The 'last week I had dinner at No 10' bit is not something I get terribly excited about," he says.

Blyth was a war baby born in Kilbirnie, a steel town in Ayrshire which, when the steelworks closed, became the town with the highest unemployment rate in Britain. He was eight when his father left home.

He learnt his management skills with the Mars confectionery company, which he calls "the most forceful management regime I ever worked with", and got his first chance of running a company with Lucas Batteries. His "Jim'll-fix-it" reputation there won him a senior position at the Ministry of Defence, teaming up with Michael Heseltine and Margaret Thatcher to sell Tornados and Hawks to the Saudis.

He is credited with sharpening Boots's image. Traditionally eyed as a takeover target itself, Boots carried through its own first hostile takeover bid under Blyth's leadership when it acquired Ward White.

Sir James has also heightened the profile of Boots's policies for ensuring consumer satisfaction. Each branch of Boots the Chemists displays a customer care board, explaining Boots policies on pricing and refunds.

The company guarantees to match local competitors' prices if the same goods are found on sale more cheaply elsewhere, and usually allows customers to exchange unwanted goods or take a refund in gift vouchers.

Whatever John Major's hopes for a cost-free citizen's charter, no one at Boots pretends that customer care comes free. "The costs are difficult to isolate because everybody is involved with it," said the spokesman.

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Shamir edges closer to acceptance of peace talks formula

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, said yesterday that he hoped to begin negotiations with Arab states soon, and even went as far as comparing his erstwhile enemy, President Hafez Assad of Syria, to the late Egyptian leader Anwar Sadat.

But he made it clear that Israeli objections to full acceptance of the American initiative still stood in the way of a positive reply to the United States Secretary of State, James Baker. "We hope to start negotiations soon if the conditions conducive thereto are created," Mr Shamir told a delegation of visiting American lawyers.

"As the situation stands now, I think that we are approaching the beginning of negotiations. There are still a number of problems, such as the composition of the Jordanian-Palestinian delegation, but we hope these problems will be resolved. What we now see in Syria with President Assad is reminiscent of the phenomenon in Egypt with President Sadat, when his perceptions underwent a transformation, eventually leading to peace negotiations with Israel."

His upbeat assessment appeared to confirm speculation that the Israeli government will accept Mr Baker's proposals by the end of this month. However, officials close to the prime minister's office emphasised that serious obstacles still remained which threatened to undermine the entire enterprise.

Israeli officials said that the government has now all but lifted its original procedural objections over the participation of the United Nations and the format of the proposed regional conference, but senior sources made it clear that the real stumbling block remained the question of who will represent the Palestinians. "It is still a big, big, big problem," said one senior Israeli. Even the foreign minister, David Levy, one of the most enthusiastic supporters of Mr Baker's plan within the Israeli leadership, said yesterday that further American assurances were needed before Israel could proceed.

Mr Baker, now in Kuala Lumpur attending a conference of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean), tried to ease Israeli concerns yesterday by urging the right-wing government to accept the invitation to talks and leave the Palestinian problem to be resolved later.

The American tactic throughout Mr Baker's mission has been to get the parties to the conference table, where it is hoped that remaining differences could be more easily resolved. However, Mr Baker has good reason to be wary about the question of Palestinian representation, the problem which last year wrecked his previous peace plan.

The majority of the 1.7 million Palestinians in the territories occupied by Israel traditionally support the Palestine Liberation Organisation, the umbrella group led by Yassir Arafat which represents several different factions. By almost universal consent the PLO was excluded from the current peace proposals because of Mr Arafat's support for Iraq during the Gulf war. But its banishment left Mr Baker with the difficult task of finding a Palestinian delegate who was credible to his own people but who did not have clearly identifiable PLO associations.

In addition to the problem of PLO links, most of the leading Palestinian figures in the occupied territories live and work in Arab East Jerusalem, which Israel annexed after its capture in 1967. As a result, a Palestinian leader such as Faisal Husseini, the most prominent figure in the Palestinian community, is deemed unacceptable by the Israelis, who regard him as an Israeli subject and not a spokesman of the territories.

"Heaven forbid we should find ourselves sitting opposite representatives who are the PLO," said Yossi Ben-Aharon, the prime minister's closest adviser. "I would say there are developments from which one may draw some encouragement, but we are speaking of the survival of the state of Israel and its future so we must be cautious. We cannot give an answer yet for the simple reason that the picture itself as the Americans presented it is not yet complete."

● **Brussels:** The European Community has approved a two-part aid programme for Israel and the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip to compensate for harm caused by the Gulf conflict, EC diplomats said yesterday. They said Israel would get a 160 million ecu (£111 million) loan for up to seven years with a 27.5 million ecu interest rate subsidy.

People living in the occupied territories would benefit from grants totalling 60 million ecus to non-government organisations to cover spending on health care, education and housing. Ministers meeting in Brussels on Monday approved the proposals without debate. Spain earlier held up the decision because of reservations about monitoring distribution of funds. *(Reuter)*

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Hurd calls for caution on easing Iraq oil sanctions

From ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

TURKEY, which controls a key Iraqi oil outlet to the sea, and Britain yesterday discussed a limited lifting of sanctions against Baghdad. President Saddam Hussein would be allowed to purchase food and medicine for the Iraqi people and not to channel oil revenues to the army. The purchases would be made from a controlled oil sales account. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said yesterday: "What I don't think we can do is relax the pressure on Saddam Hussein by allowing him to sell oil in circumstances where he could direct the proceeds to whatever purpose he thought right."

Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, the United Nations special envoy for humanitarian aid in the Gulf, has called for sanctions against Iraq to be lifted to allow sales of oil to pay for desperately needed food, medicine and other humanitarian aid. He said there could be "a serious humanitarian crisis which could degenerate into a catastrophe unless we do something about it quickly".

Mr Hurd was especially sympathetic to the plight of the Turks, who through loss of trade and oil pipeline revenue are still paying a price for the half-peace, half-war simmering on its border with Iraq. The foreign secretary also referred to a concern shared by Turkey to preserve the territorial integrity of Iraq. "We do not want to create in Iraq an independent Kurdistan," he said.

Mr Hurd was exposed to Turkish sensitivity over the residual multinational force stationed on the border with Iraq. The Turks emphasised that the forces' purpose was to prevent a recurrence of the circumstances which forced the people of northern Iraq to flee their homes last spring.

Turkey will now "co-command" what it calls Operation Provide Comfort II, its own two-star general working from headquarters in Incirlik and a colonel co-commanding from the land base in Silopi.

Duke greets Mubarak as state visit starts

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

PRESIDENT Mubarak of Egypt, accompanied by his wife Suzanne, arrived in Britain yesterday evening at the start of the first state visit by an Egyptian ruler in 64 years. He was met at Heathrow airport by the Duke of York, and was driven to Buckingham Palace where he will stay as the Queen's guest until Friday.

The president was accompanied by Amr Moussa, the foreign minister, and Zakaria Azmi, the presidential chief of staff. He is due to start a round of political talks this morning, calling on Neil Kinnock, Paddy Ashdown and Margaret Thatcher before going to Downing Street for discussions with John Major.

This afternoon he is scheduled to lay a wreath at the grave of the unknown warrior in Westminster Abbey.

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Big match: Konishiki, aged 27, a 37st 1lb Hawaiian-born sumo wrestler, posing with his fiancée, Samika Shioda, a model aged 26, after they announced their engagement at a hotel in Nagoya, Japan

Japan socialist chief faces fight with left

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

THE Japanese socialist party, already something of an aberration in this resolutely capitalist country, yesterday replaced the glamour of its former leader, Takako Doi, with a grey, bespectacled 69-year-old grandfather, Makoto Tanabe, who will be sworn in as party chairman next week.

Mr Tanabe, the leader of the party's right wing, who has been a member of the lower house of parliament for 20 years and is married to a former geisha, is not known for his compelling public presence. Nevertheless, if he is to make any impact on the political stage his first task will be to haul his party into post-Cold War reality.

He is expected to attempt a drastic overhaul of the socialists' anachronistic policies, forcing them to soften their opposition to Japan's armed forces and to relations with America. The slim margin of Mr Tanabe's victory over the only other candidate, Tetsu Ueda, a centre-left former journalist, means that the new leader may have to compromise many of his contentious plans to reform the party.

Amid the celebrations at his campaign headquarters in Tokyo last night, he conceded that his reform package had not yet been accepted by the whole party and he would have to make an enormous effort to force it through.

Political analysts are sceptical that the party's right wing will be strong enough to achieve meaningful change. Centre-left factions are paramount still and whatever he hopes to achieve, Mr Tanabe's task will be tough.

His colleagues are displaying all the dreamy disarray of Britain's Labour party in the early 1980s. Faced with a ruling Liberal Democratic party that has been in uninterrupted power for 36 years, the socialists have a severe problem with their credibility as the main opposition.

The socialists' brief days of glory are still fresh in their memories. Under the leadership of Ms Doi, and capitalising on voter disapproval with sex-and-bribery scandals in the ruling party, and a new and universally hated consumption tax, the party defeated the Liberal Democrats in the 1989 election to the upper house.

The astonished socialists were utterly ill-prepared for their victory. Ms Doi's strategy to abolish the tax, dubbed the "Doi vision", quickly became blurred when she could think of no alternative revenue for the tax bureau's coffers. She squandered her gains by offering nothing constructive to the political debate and finally resigned as party leader last month to take responsibility for the poor showing in local elections. Mr Tanabe, initially reluctant to take over, needs a great deal of luck to surmount that defeat.

Tanabe celebrating his election yesterday

TOKYO NOTEBOOK by Joanna Pitman

Scandal fatigue comes of age

The mass of Japanese enslaved as the nation's worker bees, selflessly devoting their lives to the betterment of corporate Japan, should be forgiven an almighty smirk at every new scandal-induced resignation by their fabulously wealthy corporate leaders.

Japanese scandals, which have become daily fodder for the morning television newscasters, are by no means confined to the much-publicised misdemeanours of the securities industry. Pillars of the community have been buckling all over the place. For a start, the leaders of three of Japan's most powerful banks have resigned in the past nine months, each allegedly involved in murky gangster-related imbroglios.

But last week's scandal tally was one of the richest in recent memory. It featured corporate espionage, alleged police pay-offs to gangsters, the trial of a former national police academy lecturer and university law professor accused of pocketing bribes worth 90 million yen (£390,000), and the latest episode of the Meiji university entrance examination fraud.

However, the highlight of the week was the resignation of Keiji Shima, the cigar-chomping chairman of NHK, Japan's equivalent of the director-general of the BBC. His mistake was not only to give false testimony before a parliamentary committee – when an NHK broadcast satellite exploded on launch last April in Florida he claimed he was visiting an office of General Electric Company, the maker of the satellite, when in fact he was in Los Angeles at the time – but to threaten to sue some of the publications that reported the error.

While Japanese workers squeeze themselves onto their commuter trains eagerly anticipating a new day's score of rolling heads, they are far from downing their pens and calculators in mass protest at the behaviour of their elders. They remain scrupulously and wisely loyal, for in Japan resigning grandees put themselves out to pasture for a couple of years before re-emerging in their original jobs. Scandals have been surfacing with such regularity that they are beginning to lose their piquancy. The Japanese have become, as one American resident put it, "scandalled-out".

The only visible anger at the securities scandal has come from a few short-changed investors. When one hapless share salesman knocked on a suburban door last week, he had barely begun his toe-in-the-door patter before he was grabbed by his tie by housewives who had been lying in wait for him.

Incensed that only big corporate clients had been paid compensation for stock market losses, the housewives locked the man in a cupboard, and threatened to leave him there until he wrote a note promising to pay them compensation. He was finally delivered from his ordeal by a policeman alerted by the commotion.

Oil spill tanker captain is held

Sydney – The captain of a Greek oil tanker which caused Australia's worst oil spill will not be allowed to leave the country while an investigation is continuing, authorities said yesterday. The vessel, the Kirki, broke up in high seas off Western Australia at the weekend, spilling 12,000 tonnes of light crude oil into the sea in a slick 30 miles long.

Captain Eleftherios Efstathopoulos and some of his crew "are being held until the investigation is complete", said Mike Renfree of the marine emergency operations centre in Perth.

Mr Renfree said Australian government officials had arrived in Perth to question the crew. Officials say the tanker appears still seaworthy.

Michael Julian, a pollution expert at the Canberra maritime rescue co-ordination centre, said charges could be laid but were unlikely unless the slick damaged wildlife or fisheries or until it reached shore.

Authorities had earlier said the slick appeared to be moving away from the coast, but said yesterday that at least some of it was now heading inshore. "It is likely that some of the slick will come ashore," Mr Julian said.

Dispersants have been sprayed over the southern end of the slick, and booms to hold it back are ready to be deployed around wildlife sanctuaries on small islands near the coast. The Kirki was delivering its cargo of Saudi Arabian light crude to a refinery in Kwinana, south of Perth. *(Reuter)*

Villagers flee

Manila – At least two people were killed and thousands of villagers fled their homes as mudflows from the Mount Pinatubo volcano swamped homes and farms in several northern Philippines districts. Air force helicopters and army lorries helped to evacuate some 5,000 Concepciôn residents. *(AFP)*

Tamil toll rises

Colombo – The Sri Lankan army killed 112 Tamil rebels in a surprise attack near a besieged army camp in the north of the country. The Elephant Pass camp, under rebel attack since last month, straddles a vital causeway linking the rebel-held Jaffna peninsula with the rest of Sri Lanka.

Westerners back

Kuwait City – British embassy officials here confirmed that two businessmen, one an American and the other a Briton, have been returned to Kuwait after they strayed across the border into Iraq. The official said the men were "connected in some way" with oilfield fires. He did not name them. *(AP)*

Spoils of war

Luxembourg – Soldiers of Luxembourg's tiny army have been accused of smuggling home captured Iraqi weapons from the Gulf and others of smoking hashish in their barracks. Officials said at least 30 of the 500-strong armed forces were alleged to have used the drug at Diekierch barracks. *(Reuter)*

Ready to go

Los Angeles – Daryl Gates, aged 64, the Los Angeles police chief who is under pressure to quit since police were seen on television beating a black man, says he will retire next April if his successor has been chosen by then.

Floods buoy image of Chinese army

From CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

EFFORTS this week by Li Peng, the Chinese prime minister, to boost his image by donning straw hat and wading boots on a visit to flood-stricken areas in the south have fallen flat.

His trip, conducted in brilliant sunshine rather than torrential rain, reinforced a growing public belief that the display of concern was too little too late. "Everyone is asking why Li Peng did not return from his tour of the Middle East when the rains came," said one Chinese intellectual. "It is too late now that the floodwater is receding."

China's rains came 20 days early this year, and some areas in the worst-hit provinces of Anhui, Jiangsu and Henan, experienced the heaviest rainfall and highest river levels since the 1950s. The floods appear to have been unusually severe in terms of the area of land covered and material damage, but the figure of 1,781 deadis so far lower than the average annual toll from flooding of around 3,000. Where Mr Li has lost out by tarrying in the sun of the Middle East, others have benefited.

The People's Liberation Army, shunned by many Chinese since it opened fire on unarmed demonstrators in Peking in the summer of 1989, has regained some of its reputation. Its efforts to evacuate villagers and reinforce dykes has been detailed in print and pictures, and flood victims appear genuinely grateful.

The image of a caring army and party has gone some way towards uniting domestic opinion in sympathy. For the first time ever, work units are requesting – some Chinese say effectively forcing – their staff to donate money for flood victims. The response is mixed. "I would be happy to give to the flood victims, but I'm not sure that my money will end up in their hands", said a Peking resident.

In Hong Kong, despite anxiety about China's hardline policies, strong patriotic fervour for the motherland has outweighed scepticism about Chinese accountability. Hong Kong has donated about £33 million in a whole-hearted response to the plight of the flood victims, making up 80 per cent of all foreign aid offered. Peking's man in Hong Kong, Zhou Nan, commented that the donations proved that "blood is thicker than water".

Diplomats believe that China's first request for foreign aid was prompted by a desire to "prove themselves part of the international community, and the give and take that involves". Images of human suffering and of the army fighting for the people's survival will also, diplomats feel, arouse international sympathy at a time when the American Congress is debating whether to revoke China's trading privileges because of continued human rights violations.

Yet the Chinese leadership is split on exactly how to present the floods to the world. "There are two contradictory voices in the leadership at work here," said a Chinese journalist. "One says let's stress how bad things are so that we can get more money from the West; another says it is bad for our image if people are seen to suffer in China." Indeed, Mr Li said yesterday that the fact that losses had been reduced to the minimum had demonstrated the superiority of socialism.

Li Peng: did too little too late in Chinese eyes

As a result, Chinese newspaper and television reporters have been ordered to avoid tales of suffering, but to refer to the floods in certain areas as "the worst this century", or as the Communist party's general secretary, Jiang Zemin, put it, "one of the most serious disasters in Chinese history".

This is an assertion which the Chinese have been unable to clarify fully with comparative statistics, and which has been confusing Western diplomats and aid agencies trying to assess the extent of devastation. In the 1930s, at least 150,000 died; in 1954, at least 30,000. In comparison, these floods have wrought little human disaster. With the reforms of the past ten years, however, the affected area has become home to thousands of small industrial enterprises, and the floods have brought heavy economic losses, estimated by the Chinese at more than £4.4 billion.

● **Another warning:** Typhoon Amy killed 99 people, injured 5,000 and destroyed 67,000 homes in south China at the weekend, with another storm approaching. *(Reuter)*

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Diehards pressure Gorbachev to break with Yeltsin

From BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

HARDLINE Soviet Communists yesterday launched a fierce attack on moves by the Russian president, Boris Yeltsin, to outlaw political activity in the workplace, and in effect challenged President Gorbachev to denounce his new political ally.

As discontent among hardliners mounted ahead of tomorrow's landmark meeting of the Communist party's central committee, a group of 12 right-wing political personalities said in a public statement that the armed forces were now the only guarantee of avoiding chaos in the country.

The signatories — who included the deputy defence minister, Valentin Varennikov — invited the conservative daily, *Sovietskaya Rossiya*, to witness the formation of a "popular patriotic movement" to arrest what they called the Soviet Union's slide into decay and darkness.

The controversy over Mr Yeltsin's presidential decree abolishing party cells in factories and government offices served to distract attention from the leak to a radical newspaper of a draft programme under which the communist movement would ditch much of its old Bolshevik ideology. President Gorbachev, who yesterday was chairing a fresh meeting with Mr Yeltsin and other republican leaders on the shape of the new Soviet federation, is expected to present the draft at tomorrow's plenum, where hardliners seem certain to renew calls for his resignation as party leader.

The politburo, still the party's governing body although it no longer rules the country, issued a statement calling Mr Yeltsin's decree a "substantial curtailment of democratic freedoms and civil rights". It said that the Russian president's rder violated articles in the Soviet constitution which guaranteed the right of the citizen to take part "directly and through public organisations ... in the administration of affairs of state."

It added: "The politburo profoundly regrets that the first steps of the Russian president ... should be characterised by an unconstitutional, anti-democratic act, by illegal interference in the activity of public organisations and by violation of their rights."

In a separate move, Mr Yeltsin's move was denounced at a press conference by the hardline Communist party of the Russian republic; and the party secretariat called on the Soviet parliament to order an investigation into whether the presidential decree was legal. At tomorrow's plenum, Mr Gorbachev will come under intense pressure to denounce the Russian leader's order, particularly from conservatives who suspect him of selling out to Mr Yeltsin and the West.

The furore over Mr Yeltsin's decree could conceivably provide a smokescreen behind which President Gorbachev can press forward the draft programme that would commit the party to a mixed economy and relegate marxism to the status of one among several sources of inspiration for the movement. However, hardliners indicated yesterday that they were confident of getting the draft watered down ahead of the party conference, or more likely full-blown party congress, for which they will be pressing at tomorrow's meeting.

Aleksandr Ilyin, the deputy head of the Russian Communists, said yesterday: "The draft programme is a starting point for discussion. It will be further edited by working groups and then be debated throughout the party and the country before it is presented to a party congress."

The document, whose publication yesterday marked a considerable coup for the radical newspaper, *Nezavisimaya Gazeta*, appeared to be calculated to persuade liberals led by Aleksandr Yakovlev — who are already collaborating with non-communists to set up a new reform movement — to remain within the party.

In language strongly reminiscent of that employed by the Italian Communists when they dropped their old name and symbols, the text emphasises that technological change has made irrelevant the idea of a vanguard class of manual workers. It lays strong emphasis on protecting the environment, guaranteeing human rights and opposing racism.

● **Border attack:** Five men attacked a Latvian border post early yesterday and seized thousands of roubles from people waiting to clear customs, the Baltfax news agency reported. The attackers came from Russia. *(AP)*

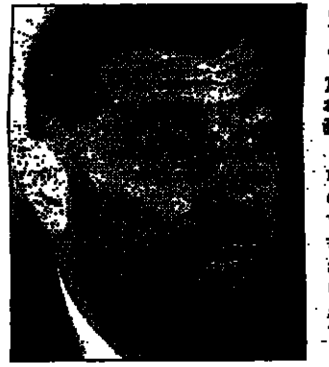
Peace hopes fade after Yugoslav talks collapse

From TIM JUDAH IN ZAGREB, CROATIA

YUGOSLAV leaders yesterday told their people to prepare for the possibility of all-out war after the failure on Monday of last-minute peace talks in the Macedonian lake resort of Ohrid. The prospects for another round of talks now appear slim as Croatian and Serbian leaders refuse to budge on a dispute over the return of the army to barracks.

In Zagreb, officials said fighting was continuing between Serb militias and Croat security forces. Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, said: "Now everyone will have to face the consequences and take responsibility for the fates of their own people."

At the Ohrid meeting, the Croat leadership said it would not return to peace talks until the Yugoslav army, which it accuses of aiding Serb militias, returned to barracks. While all are agreed that the army should be withdrawn, the talks appeared to collapse over when a pullout should occur.


Mesic yesterday: forecast a sea of human victims

The Croats say they will only demobilise their paramilitary national guard once Serb militias have been disarmed. The Serbs argue that the national guard is as illegal as their militias, which are acting in self-defence, and that the army must be the last to withdraw because it is protecting ethnic Serbs resident in Croatia and hence acting as a buffer force.

There was confusion late on Monday night when Kiro Gligorov, the Macedonian president, said the leaders of six of Yugoslavia's republics had agreed to a four-point plan to guarantee peace for three months while they thrashed out a solution to the conflict. It later transpired that far from agreeing to anything, President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia had stormed out of the meeting when he heard that 20 people had been killed in eastern Croatia, the highest toll in a single day of fighting since clashes began. On his return to Zagreb, President Tudjman in a late-night television address told his people to prepare for all eventualities, "even total war".

Borisav Jovic, the Serbian delegate on Yugoslavia's eight-man collective federal presidency, said as he left Ohrid: "If the army pulls out it could mean large-scale civil war and wading knee-deep through blood." In response, Stipe Mesic, the Croat who currently holds the rotating Yugoslav presidency, said: "Serbia is attempting to annex parts of Croatia. This could be achieved in a war with a sea of human victims."

While such gloomy pronouncements have been bandied after the failure of various peace talks, the situation has never looked as bleak as it does now. The violence in Croatia shows no signs of abating and the army is becoming more involved.

Milan Brezak, the Croatian deputy interior minister, said that on Monday army planes bombed a school used by the national guard in Novi Cakovici in eastern Croatia, and that the planes had then returned to machinegun the building. He said two guardsmen had been killed in the attack and seven injured.

Hrvoje Hitrec, the Croatian information minister, yesterday reiterated that there was "no question" of a demobilisation of the national guard. His announcement appeared to seal the fate of any future talks.

President Mesic had said that he would call for further meetings of Yugoslav leaders in the next few days but with the main antagonists, Serbia and Croatia, reiterating their hardline positions at this critical stage the prospects for peace are slim.

Into the fray: riot police in Hamburg charging with batons at young German demonstrators who were occupying the grounds of the former Flora Theatre in protest against the planned construction of council flats on the site

France announces cuts in armed forces and scraps missile plan

From REUTER AND ASSOCIATED PRESS IN PARIS

PIERRE Joxe, the French defence minister, plans to reduce the French army by up to 70,000 personnel, about a quarter of current strength, by 1998, military sources said yesterday.

Most of the units are due to be dissolved over the next five to six years, reducing the army to between 215,000 and 230,000 men and women. The army now has 285,000 personnel, including nearly 50,000 in Germany, where virtually all French garrisons will close by 1994 or 1995. Most of the units due to disappear are conscript-based regiments based in Germany. The proportion of career soldiers in the army will therefore increase.

Under French law, only career soldiers can serve outside Europe. A main lesson of the Gulf war was that France should have more all-professional units of the kind which have intervened in Africa to protect governments allied to Paris. The sources said the French air force, with 93,000 men and women, and the navy, with 65,000, would probably also be cut, though in smaller proportions. No mention was made of the nearly 90,000-strong gendarmerie, a paramilitary force which is part of the defence ministry. Its numbers have risen as it has become more involved in civilian police missions.

M Joxe also confirmed on Monday that France was scrapping plans for a mobile nuclear missile system and defence specialists say there are rising doubts about the future of two new projects, the Rafale fighter-bomber and the Leclerc tank.

Right-wing opposition leaders yesterday condemned the Socialist government's decision to scrap the missile plan. The former prime minister, Jacques Chirac, head of the Rally for the Republic, said his party could challenge the decision when parliament reconvenes later in the year. He said the future of France's nuclear arsenal should have been debated by parliament, "but instead M Mitterrand has chosen to wield power like a king".

Joxe: nearly all German garrisons will close

He also criticized the president for failing to announce the decision personally. M Mitterrand had expressed scepticism earlier about the need for the project, and the military has made alternative plans to replace the older S-3 by adapting missiles aboard nuclear submarines for land use.

M Joxe said the end of the Cold War made it unnecessary for France to maintain its independent nuclear deterrent through separate submarine and land-based systems. The two-stage S-45 missiles would have been located on the Albion plateau in southern France. The region is home to the 20-year-old S-3 missiles, located in fixed silos.

Thirty lighter, two-stage S-45s had been intended to replace the 18 long-range, three-stage S-3 missiles on the plateau by the year 2000. The S-45 missiles would have been stored in silos and shuttled about by huge trucks in times of crisis.

M Chirac said his party, the largest conservative faction in parliament, had consistently supported a modern replacement for the "vulnerable and aging" S-3 missiles. "The Gulf war only reinforced the need for a mobile missile, difficult for the enemy to find, while fixed silos were exposed as particularly vulnerable to precision bombing," he said.

Michel Aurillac, a party colleague, criticised the government for unilaterally renouncing a key component of the strategic force and for presenting parliament with a "fait accompli". But there was no immediate response from the opposition on M Joxe's army cuts. It is the first concrete announcement of reductions in French military strength since the Gulf war.

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Slovaks give dam go-ahead

Bratislava — The Slovak regional government has decided to put a controversial giant dam on the Danube into operation next year despite demands from Hungary and environmentalists to scrap it.

Jan Carnogursky, the Slovak prime minister, said the dam, which is nearing completion at Gabcikovo and has already cost almost £600 million, would go into limited service from October next year. The project, twinning the dam with another 100 miles downstream at Nagymaros, on the Hungarian side of the Danube, was started in 1977. Hungary stopped work on its part of the project in 1989 on environmental grounds and has since pressed for Gabcikovo also to be abandoned.

Mr Carnogursky told Czechoslovak radio that negotiations with Hungary had failed to find a solution and for ecological and economic reasons it would be better to commission the dam.

Booth blast

Oslo — An explosion blew apart an automatic photo machine here, injuring two women who were having their pictures taken. A leaking aerosol can for cleaning off graffiti may have been ignited by the flash, blowing the sides off the booth and wrecking the machine. *(Reuter)*

Forced out

Sofia — Bulgaria's former communist authorities forced nearly 25,000 people to leave their homes between 1946 and 1953, the trade union newspaper *Troud* reported. Some 7,025 families were uprooted in operations in which relatives of emigrés or those out of favour were sent into internal exile. *(Reuter)*

Pizzeria shooting

Berlin — Four Soviet emigrés and a German were seriously wounded in a shooting incident at a Berlin pizzeria. Police said a Russian opened fire on diners, one of whom fired back. They said Berlin had seen an influx of Soviet criminals after border controls were eased. *(Reuter)*

Blue blood may taint Mitterrand

By JOHN PHILLIPS IN PARIS AND ALAN HAMILTON IN LONDON

FRENCH genealogists threatened to send President Mitterrand's opinion poll ratings tumbling still lower yesterday by disclosing that the staunchly republican leader *could be a distant cousin of* the Queen.

The relationship reportedly has been traced by a French telephone screen service, code named Geneal, that is available to members of the public in France who are curious about the ancestry of their politicians and other celebrities, the left-wing newspaper *Libération* revealed. M Mitterrand's reputedly royal background is traced through his maternal grandmother, Eugénie Faure-Labouhardérie. She was a granddaughter of a certain Bernard de *Javrezac , who was in turn a* descendant of the Barbezières dynasty, the newspaper said.

The most illustrious descendants of this European house were reported to be George II, Queen Victoria and "William II, King of Prussia, up to Elizabeth II," according to the account in the newspaper. "This is how Francois Mitterrand finds himself a cousin of some crowned heads of Europe," it said.

Although an Elysée spokeswoman thought the story was a huge joke, David Williamson, co-editor of *Debrett's Peerage, confirmed last night* that it was true, but added: "It is such a distant connection that it is hardly worth bothering about. The Queen and M Mitterrand must be 12th cousins at best, which is hardly a relationship at all. You could trace a connection from just about anybody to anybody at that distance."

The Barbezières, Mr Williamson said, were not so much a dynasty as a minor French feudal family from whom was descended the wife of the Elector of Hanover, subsequently George I of Britain. The couple divorced before he took the British throne, but their son reigned as George II and is a direct ancestor of the Queen.

In the past, M Mitterrand *has emphasised his ostensibly* humble origins and the genealogists' revelations could hurt his standing in the opinion polls which is at its lowest level since November 1985.

Libération suggested that the ties between the Windsors and Mitterrands could explain the surprising punctuality of the normally notoriously unpunctual president when he went to supper as a guest of the Queen during the G7 summit in London. "One does not make her majesty wait, especially when one is a relative."

MOSCOW NOTEBOOK by Bruce Clark

Pilgrims progress on bones of contention

Even in these fantastic times, with the Communist party preparing not just to tolerate believers but welcome them into its ranks, the event that is about to take place in the life of the Russian Orthodox church is extraordinary.

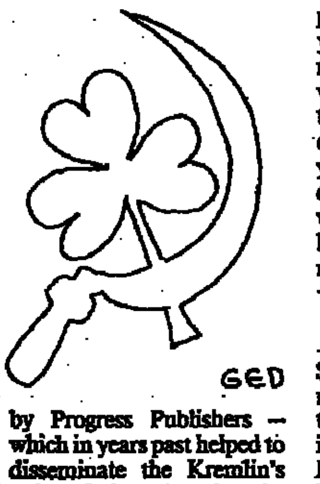
About 30,000 Orthodox Christians — including converts from the parish at Ennismore Gardens in South Kensington — are preparing to accompany the bones of one of Russia's greatest saints as they are returned to the monastery which he founded. The bones of Saint Serafim Sarovsky (1759-1833) — depicted in icons as an Orthodox Saint Francis who fed bears and wolves — went missing after the monastery, in the village of Dineyevo near Nizhny Novogorod, was looted by the Bolsheviks. Recently the remains were discovered in a storeroom in Leningrad's Kazan cathedral, used under communism as a museum of atheism.

A service and procession took place yesterday at Moscow's Bogoyavlensky cathedral to launch the pilgrimage, due to take about a week. Feeding and finding accommodation for the 30,000 will require little short of a miracle. An army construction unit —largely staffed by Muslim boys from Central Asia — has been ordered to set up a tent city at the village, but work is proceeding slowly.

Saint Serafim is reputed to have foreseen that his bones would be mistreated — and to have vowed that he would rise again four years before the apocalypse.

It is not just to the ancient mysteries of Eastern Christianity that Russians are returning, but also to the more homespun forms of wisdom beloved of Middle America. For some time now, the advice of Dale Carnegie on *How to Win Friends and Influence People* has been touted on street corners — along with religious calendars, tips on self-defence and girlie magazines — and eagerly bought by Soviet parliamentarians in the bookshop of the Supreme Soviet.

So the Russian language edition of *Reader's Digest*, launched yesterday with a slick video presentation, seems certain to be a sellout, at three roubles (about 30p at official tourist rates) for the initial print run of just 100,000 copies. Although the translation is being done by Progress Publishers — which in years past helped to disseminate the Kremlin's point of view abroad — the material in this new publication is no less conservative, in the Western sense, than in its American counterpart.



The first edition includes a portrait of Norman Schwarzkopf and an exposé of "myths about the American homeless". But why, a Soviet journalist asked the *Digest's* chairman, George Grune, is he bringing "such a nice-looking magazine to a poor country like ours"? The goods advertised in the publication are infinitely beyond the means of Soviet readers and the cover price will yield only a fraction of the launch cost. Mr Grune observed that "the people of your country are great readers": he was confident that whatever its present troubles Russia was a "great market for the future".

Ireland may be the land of saints and scholars, but its contribution to the Soviet Union in its hour of need has been more material than spiritual. Tourists buying last-minute presents at Moscow airport are often bemused to discover that Irish crystal is on sale alongside painted wooden eggs, and that the red rugby shirts billed as souvenirs of Russia are made in Ireland.

The explanation is that one of the longest established joint ventures in Russia is an Irish-Soviet partnership which manages the duty-free shop at Moscow airport as well as a hard-currency store that symbolises Western cornucopia for the hard-pressed population of Leningrad. When the Irish foreign minister, Gerry Collins, visited the Soviet Union this week, he was able to inspect these establishments for himself. In Leningrad — where tap water is poisonous — he was pleased to discover the brisk sales enjoyed by "ecologically and environmentally pure" Tipperary water.

His delegation was also bemused to discover toothpaste labelled mainly in Irish and simply described as "made in County Wicklow", as though the location of that estimable place were well known to Leningrad's black marketeers.

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De Klerk prepares to defy calls for ministers' dismissal

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT de Klerk of South Africa is expected to defy calls for the dismissal of senior ministers implicated in the scandal of secret funding to rivals of the African National Congress, and to try to limit the damage by disclosing details of state donations to a wide range of political groups.

The affair is inflicting political damage on Pretoria and also having economic repercussions. A stern injunction from the Bush administration to terminate all illicit activities and take "appropriate action" against those responsible has aroused fears that Washington may tighten restrictions on South African access to International Monetary Fund credit facilities.

The American chamber of commerce in Johannesburg said that the fund disclosures would fuel sentiments that sanctions had been lifted too soon, and inhibit foreign investments. Fears of a large sell-off by foreign investors sent capital market rates to sharply higher levels on the Johannesburg stock exchange on Monday. Although the foreign sell-offs did not materialise, a dealer said: "The market is totally unnerved by the news, and by what could still come out of the scandal."

In an apparent official "leak" from an emergency cabinet conclave, a pro-government newspaper yesterday reported that Adriaan Vlok, the minister of law and order, was unlikely to resign over the covert payment of more than £370,000 to the Inkatha Freedom party and an affiliated trade union. Citing top-level sources, *The Citizen* of Johannesburg said that Pretoria would probably disclose details of funding of organisations other than the conservative Zulu movement, the main black rival of the ANC.

The sources indicated that President de Klerk and his cabinet would accept collective responsibility for the clandestine funding policy, rather than sacrifice Mr Vlok and other ministers. The law and order minister is on record as saying that financial assistance had been supplied on request to a wide spectrum of institutions and individuals to combat sanctions.

Any such attempt to close ranks and brazen out the crisis will inevitably arouse suspicion and anger among the government's critics, who have rejected the sanctions argument as a lame excuse. *Business Day*, an English-language newspaper, said yesterday: "The excuses that the money was provided to support anti-sanctions activities or used for refugee relief are insultingly frivolous."

Even influential pro-government Afrikaans newspapers have joined the chorus of disapproval. *Die Burger* has advised the president to consider whether the "casting" of his cabinet could not be improved, and *Beeld* said that even the retirement of certain ministers would probably not be sufficient to restore Pretoria's credibility.

Suspicions grow of bloody Pretoria role

From OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT IN JOHANNESBURG

IN THE week after the Inkatha Freedom party staged a rally in Durban with government financial support, 160 people were killed and more than 20,000 were made homeless in savage fighting around Pietermaritzburg. According to independent observers, most of the victims were either supporters or sympathisers of the African National Congress.

A few months later, the chronic political violence in Natal spread to black townships around Johannesburg and neutral observers repeatedly identified Zulus wearing the distinctive red headbands of Inkatha as by far the more aggressive party.

The indiscriminate killing of black commuters on Soweto-bound trains added a sinister new dimension to the carnage, and fuelled allegations of a mysterious "third force" fomenting the strife.

The disclosure of covert state funding of Inkatha has reinforced suspicions that the government is implicated in more serious illicit activities — in effect, that it has blood on its hands. The villains are perceived to be right-wing elements in the security forces, implacably opposed to the reform process and determined to undermine it in collusion with Inkatha militants. Persistent allegations of soldiers and policemen providing Inkatha with weapons, and inciting violence against communities which support the ANC, have gained widespread credibility.

Africa Confidential, a well-informed newsletter, recently concluded: "There can be no doubt that members or former members of the security forces have encouraged black-on-black violence. Some of the techniques used to destabilise Mozambique, and to encourage the vigilantes who made war on the street committees of the mid-1980s, have been used to cut the ANC down to size and to give the Inkatha Freedom party a precious foothold in the Transvaal."

During years of clandestine warfare against the ANC and neighbouring African states, Pretoria assembled a formidable secret army which systematically eliminated perceived enemies of the state.

Among the most notorious units was the Civil Co-operation Bureau, which maimed and murdered with impunity according to its own agenda. It was officially was disbanded last year.

Cultural mix: sound engineers, surrounded by horsemen, at a rock concert to celebrate Mongolia's national day in Gurvanbulag. The band playing, Blue Sky, is one of about ten which have flourished since Soviet influence waned

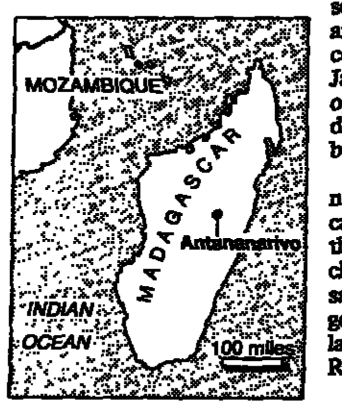
Island clamps down on opposition

From ASSOCIATED PRESS IN ANTANANARIVO, MADAGASCAR

PRESIDENT Ratsiraka of Madagascar declared a state of emergency in the capital, Antananarivo, yesterday and security forces are reported to have arrested at least two leaders of the opposition coalition seeking to remove him.

The action came a day after opposition politicians, backed by thousands of supporters, marched into government ministries in a symbolic seating of their own self-declared government. Soldiers were deployed in Antananarivo's main square yesterday morning, but pulled out by early afternoon as thousands of protesters surged into the area.

The soldiers initially used a few tear-gas grenades, but later appeared to decide they did not want a confrontation. Those arrested included at least two of the opposition's shadow ministers. The government issued arrest warrants for other politicians, including the opposition leader, Albert Zafy. Mr Ratsiraka's government remained in place despite Monday's show of defiance, but the six-party opposition is hoping that the existence of a parallel administration will undermine his authority. His opponents are demanding replacement of the socialist constitution, an end to Mr Ratsiraka's 16-year rule, and free, multiparty elections.



Relatives said that security forces arrested the opposition's minister of posts and telecommunications, Jaonorivelo, and its minister of scientific research, Andrianantenaina. There was an unconfirmed report that Jean-Jacques Rakotoniaina, the opposition's minister of industry and mines, had also been arrested.

Outnumbered soldiers did not resist on Monday when cabinet ministers named by the opposition "government", cheered on by tens of thousands of supporters, entered government ministries in the latest effort to topple the Ratsiraka administration.

But yesterday, the government responded by imposing a 15-day state of emergency, including an overnight curfew, a ban on public gatherings, the reinstatement of press censorship, and authorising searches of private homes at any time. "Yesterday's troubles made us decide to impose the state of emergency to restore peace in the capital," Victor Ramahatra, the prime minister, said in a broadcast.

About 100 soldiers guarded a public square where opposition rallies have taken place since June 10. Another 200 troops and six armoured vehicles were deployed in front of the ministries of finance, communication and industry.

Mr Ratsiraka was elected to a third seven-year term in 1989. His party won near-total control of parliament in elections that the opposition contended were marred by fraud.

Jailing of Abidjan journalists sparks riot

Abidjan — Ivory Coast police fired tear gas yesterday to disperse 500 people protesting against the jailing of two journalists and police searches of opposition leaders' homes. The fleeing marchers smashed car windows and there was looting in the city centre. Several people were injured.

The demonstrators were protesting at three-month prison sentences imposed on Jacques Kacou and Georges Coffy for writing an article deemed insulting to President Houphouet-Boigny. The two were detained last month after the article, headlined, "Beware, Houphouet has lost his mind", appeared in the weekly, *Liberté*.

The marchers were also protesting at a police search of the home of a leading opposition member, Abou Sangare, of the Ivorian Popular Front. The government had said arms were found at the house of another politican, Bamba Morifere, last Friday. *(Reuter)*

Relief stalled

Harare — Red Cross officials were trying to salvage a relief operation to aid 80,000 civilians behind rebel lines in Mozambique after the arrest of a German worker in the Indian Ocean city of Beira threw a hard-won agreement between Renamo rebels and the government over the operation into jeopardy.

Ethiopian head

Addis Ababa — Meles Zenawi, the leader of the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front which seized power in May, has been elected president for two years, diplomats said. He was unanimously picked by the national council after two other candidates withdrew. Mr Meles, aged 36, is from Tigré. *(AFP)*

Mali executions

London — Amnesty International said yesterday it was concerned about a growing number of executions in Mali. In a statement, it said that more than 50 people from the country's Tuareg and Moorish ethnic groups "were extra-judicially killed because of their ethnic origin". *(Reuter)*

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A big noise in the marketplace

Is there no limit to the reading appetite of the heavy metal fan, asks **David Toop**?

TIMOTHY WHITE

Above: how *Thrash 'n Burn*, to be launched next week, will look. The global success of the group Guns n' Roses, right, has encouraged the proliferation of heavy metal magazines, but some say the market is overcrowded

Public perception of the average heavy metal fan is not favourable. At best, a metal fanatic is regarded as harmless, retrogressive, slightly deaf and impervious to the printed word. Publishers hold the opposite view. Despite the recession, there has been a rush of heavy rock magazines.

The latest entry to this crowded niche is *Thrash 'n Burn*, launched on July 31 by the publisher of *Metal Forces*. Where other recently launched titles have aimed for young mainstream fans or lifestyle orientated rockers, *Thrash 'n Burn* will cater for a niche within a niche. Thrash metal, death metal, grindcore and industrial metal are not the most cheerful of rock genres but, as with all forms of hard rock, the fan base is internationally minded, well informed and intensely loyal.

The editor of *Thrash 'n Burn*, Bernard Doe, began *Metal Forces* seven years ago as a home-grown operation. With Iron Maiden on the cover, he can sell 42,000 copies of *Metal Forces* and he believes that his new venture has a potential readership of more than 30,000. The extremes of thrash appeal to an audience looking for new horizons in morbidity and ultra-fast playing. Will this audience take the trouble to locate *Thrash 'n Burn* among all the other glossy magazines?

At present, there are seven. Sitting alongside the established titles — *Metal Forces*, *Kerrang!* and *Metal Hammer* — are new arrivals such as *Riff Raff*, *Raw*, *Rock Power* and the Australian *Hot Metal*. Add these to the fanzines and American imports and the market seems dangerously overcrowded. Mr Doe disagrees. "I think there is a market for it simply because there is no other media outlet."

Radio and television tend to regard heavy metal as specialist programming. MTV has its *Headbangers Ball* and, as Doe says, "if you look at the radio, you're restricted to a couple of hours — usually 10 o'clock on a Friday when everyone's down the pub". If *Thrash 'n Burn* intends to reinforce the underground status of hardcore metal, other publishers have taken note of the global success of bands such as Guns n' Roses.

Lifestyle marketing has made the tribal sub-cultures of rock look rather dated. Many pop and rock fans now align themselves to a general ambiance, in which the music is only one part of a consumer jigsaw. *Rock Power* is a 116-page monthly, published in nine languages (including Russian and Greek) by Robert Maxwell. In its third issue, it pursues the emergent post-MTV Euro-rocker with articles on cyberpunk sci-fi and comic art, as well as a consumer guide to beer.

Ray Bonici, its editor, describes it as a "heavy metal *Q*", and the target circulation in the UK is 65,000. A former employee of *Metal Hammer*, the most traditional magazine of the batch, Mr Bonici is anxious to escape heavy metal's dark and gloomy, dungeons and dragons, tits and bums associations. "We're a clean magazine," he says. "People who are travelling on buses and tubes won't be embarrassed. They can pull out the magazine from their bags and read it in public."

For a publisher/fan like Mr Doe, this seems a betrayal of the heavy metal spirit. Mr Doe is not the only sceptical editor. At *Raw*, now owned by Emap Publications, Dave Henderson doubts the wisdom of selling 250,000 copies of *Rock Power* to the Soviet Union. Like all the players in this struggle for dominance, he believes that at least one magazine will fold before the end of the year. *Metal Hammer*, published in Germany by Jürgen Wigginhaus, costs £2.50; *Rock Power* costs £1.75; *Metal Forces* costs £1.95. Heavy metal devotees are notorious for their consumption of music paraphernalia but these prices will surely encourage selectivity.

Mr Henderson's answer at *Raw* is to reveal the intimate contents of a heavy metal musician's suitcase. The tone is innocent and Mr Henderson considers his younger readers to be very moralistic. Other editors regard *Raw* as the *Smash Hits* of hard rock publishing. Mr Henderson is pragmatic. When *Raw* and *Smash Hits* ran cover pictures of a band called Extreme in the same week, he was delighted.

The market leader remains *Kerrang!*, with a circulation of 61,294. Like *Raw*, *Kerrang!* was recently acquired by Emap. This was a move which recognised the stability and potential of the heavy metal market. Even metal fans have their limits, however, and by 1992 the sound of crashing and burning in publishers' offices may drown out the guitars.

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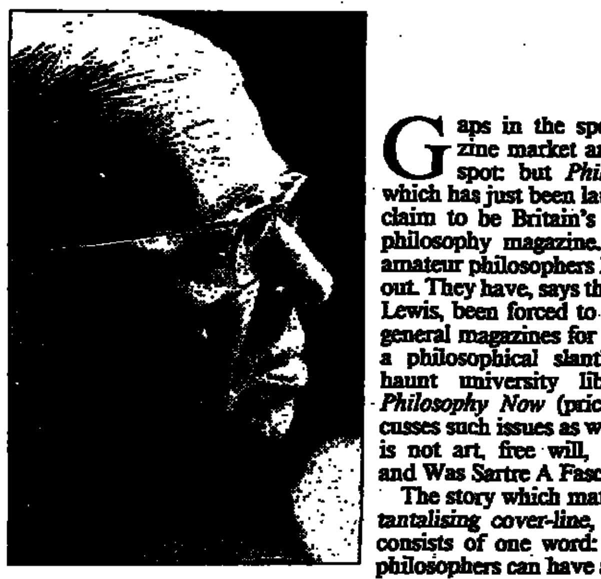

Jean-Paul Sartre: no fascist

Gaps in the specialist magazine market are not easy to spot: but *Philosophy Now*, which has just been launched, could claim to be Britain's only popular philosophy magazine. In the past, amateur philosophers have been left out. They have, says the editor, Rick Lewis, been forced to hunt through general magazines for "articles with a philosophical slant" or else to haunt university libraries. Now *Philosophy Now* (price £1.90) discusses such issues as why pop music is not art, free will, pornography, and Was Sartre A Fascist?

The story which matches this last *tantalising cover-line*, by the way, consists of one word: "No." Even philosophers can have a laugh, can't they? Mr Lewis certainly thinks so. He also acquired, for a token fee, a song from *Monty Python* ("Wittgenstein was a beery swine . . .").

He is light of heart, as befits someone who has just spent most of his savings on producing 2,000 issues of a magazine for a market which no other publisher has ever considered to exist.

"Everyone thinks about right and wrong and freedom. But they can address these things better if they know what people have thought for 3,000 years. Most philosophy is written for specialists. The public needs it, too, and this is my contribution."

The magazine is also a striking illustration of the way desktop computers have made it possible for a total beginner to publish a professional-looking product from a kitchen table in Ipswich. Mr Lewis, a 27-year-old BT research engineer who took a year off to do an MA in philosophy, runs it in his terrace house at 226 Bramford Road, and his employers ("very keen on personal development") allow him to use an Apple Macintosh to lay it out. Local printers advised him on the cover, and advertising comes by hustling. "Philosophically speaking, why not Australia or New Zealand for your holiday?" asks a Sevenoaks travel agent on the back page.

"My parents", reveals the editor, "persuaded people in Kent, where they live." He has also charmed a number of dazed newsagents into carrying it to supplement his subscription list. "It goes on the shelf near *New Scientist*." The economics are simple. He printed 2,000. If he sells 900 he breaks even. Contributors (one or two distinguished in their field) are so far unpaid but get free subscriptions. The aim is to begin quarterly, rise to six issues a year and print 10,000. It would be *churlish not to wish it luck*.

LIBBY PURVES

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MEDIA WATCH

Staff officers

DEFENCE cuts have created a market for a magazine for officers in the armed forces, with the accent firmly on career opportunities in civvy street. IGA, which publishes *Export Times*, launches *The Officer* in October. The new publication will have a print-run of 20,000. Tony Bush, its editor, says one of its "main duties" will be to provide information on career opportunities, business franchises and specialist business training facilities.

Another voice

A SURVEY by Atlantic 252, the commercial radio station, has found that fewer than 10 per cent of disc jockeys on Britain's 65 independent radio stations are women. More than a third of the stations have no female DJs, and only 22 per cent have women presenting daily shows. To counter this, Atlantic 252 — a joint venture between CLT, the owner of Radio Luxembourg, and RTE, the Irish state broadcasting company — has launched a competition in the latest issue of *More!* magazine to find a woman DJ for its programmes. After an uncertain start, Atlantic 252, which broadcasts on long-wave from the Irish republic, now claims to be the second largest commercial radio station in Britain, with 2.3 million listeners in its target 15 to 24 age group.

Soviet sales digested

FIVE leading consumer goods companies — Colgate-Palmolive, Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Toshiba and Smirnoff Vodka — have taken advertising in the inaugural Russian edition of *Reader's Digest*. Herald of Truth, a US-based evangelist organisation, has taken a double page spread. Like the others, it will run advertisements in the first 12 issues. Fifty thousands copies of the monthly magazine appeared on newsstands in four Soviet cities yesterday, making it the fortieth separate edition of the *Reader's Digest*, which is published in 16 languages.

Morning glory

Bruce Gyngell: energetic

EVEN if TV-am is outbid in its efforts to retain its valuable breakfast-time television franchise, the energy of Bruce Gyngell, its chairman and managing director, remains undiminished. On Sunday the Pink Panther, as he is known at TV-am's Camden Town headquarters, borrowed his friend Kerry Packer's helicopter so he could attend both a "private lunch" with the prime minister at Chequers and afternoon polo at Cowdray Park, where Mr Packer's team, Ellerston White, were playing. Mr Packer, a former director of TV-am, is involved with Conrad Black, chairman of the Daily Telegraph group, in a bid to take over the Fairfax media empire in Australia.

Talkback translation

THE Radio Authority acted as broker in an unusual approach which could see London Talkback Radio, the AM phone-in station owned by LBC, becoming an Arabic service. LBC, part of Crown Communications, quoted a hefty £15 million to its suitor, Radio Orient, a Paris-based radio group with stations in France and Lebanon. Although marriage is unlikely, this adds fuel to speculation that LBC wants to change London Talkback Radio's format, possibly to adult-orientated rock.

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Birth days

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The conference is intended for delegates with a serious interest in the subject. Tickets are £29.38 (£25 plus VAT) from Conference Registration, The Courtyard, 98 High Street, Bedford MK40 1NN. The exhibition (£5 on the door for adults, free for children aged 14 or under) is a more casual affair. Visitors will be bombarded with product samples, information on childbirth and demonstrations of nursery equipment.

The exhibition is open from 10am to 5pm on Friday and Saturday and from 10am to 4pm on Sunday. Information from the Wembley box office, 081-900 1234.

Margaret Thatcher

Golden age

MARGARET Thatcher and other active "third agers" are eligible for a £1,000 Age Resource award, sponsored by Shell UK and run in conjunction with the National Council on Ageing. Age Resource offers awards to over-fifties in nine categories including voluntary work, personal development, and self-help in the community.

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New Nintendo

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VICTORIA MCKEE

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Living with a soaraway salary

Diana Harris celebrated her fiftieth birthday this month with a champagne lunch party for her family. Her husband, John, gave her some golf equipment for the sport she took up only recently. Mrs Harris now has the time and the money to enjoy her life.

Mr Harris is the chairman of the East Midlands Electricity Board, one of the executives recently castigated by the prime minister for receiving big pay rises at a time when the government is calling for wage restraint.

Mr Harris's salary has risen by 35 per cent since privatisation — from £67,000 to £90,500 — not as much as the 58 per cent increase awarded to the chief executive of National Power or the 329 per cent performance-linked pay rise given to the chairman of Tesco, but enough to make a substantial difference to the housekeeping money.

She turned a blind eye to last month's headlines about her husband's pay rise. "I've not heard him criticised a lot," she says. "If I did, I would want, if I could, to leap to his defence." Of their new-found affluence Mrs Harris says: "I don't think it's hit us yet. Our life has been a steady progression and we've just got used to the sort of life we've happened to lead and the sort of places we've happened to live in."

Their home — the eighth since they married — is a detached house with an indoor swimming-pool and an acre of garden in the rural district of Ravenshead, in north Nottingham's commuter belt. The two-storey, four-bedroom house, which cost £100,000 in 1982, is comfortable rather than opulent, with modern furniture, an upright piano in the dining-room and a fish pond in the garden. Mrs Harris's two golden retrievers, Heidi and Rosy, nicknamed War and Peace, are allowed on the "tatty" furniture in the smaller of the two sitting-rooms. She feeds the dogs low-calorie dog food. "If you didn't have those dogs, you'd be a wealthy woman now," Mr Harris says.

Thirty-one years ago their first home as a married couple was two rooms rented from Mr Harris's widowed mother. In those days, Mr Harris was earning £800 a year as a trainee electrician and Mrs Harris, the daughter of a plumber, was getting £3 10s (£3.50) a week as a shorthand typist. "Our biggest treat was to go to the fish and chip shop on a Saturday night for fish and chips, a bottle of lemonade and a block of chocolate," Mrs Harris recalls. "And it was great."

Today, dining out is a more formal affair, frequently with Mr Harris's business contacts, often Saudi Arabians whom the couple met when Mr Harris, as chief engineer of the North Western Electricity Board, was appointed the UK director of a electricity modernisation contract in Riyadh in the late Seventies. Mrs Harris, who drinks little and is a vegetarian (the result of her "passionate love of animals"), enjoys these evenings out rather less, one suspects, than the fish and chip dinners of 30 years ago.

She does, however, relish the lifestyle which her husband's salary is able to buy her. She gave up secretarial work 16 years ago and misses it not a bit. At home she employs a cleaner and a gardener. "I discovered some years ago that there is more to life than wielding a vacuum cleaner," she says. "I was a dedicated floor-scrubber for a number of years but I gradually came to discover that there are other things."

> *'I discovered some years ago that there is more to life than wielding a vacuum cleaner, that there are other things'*

Now part of her time is devoted to taking piano lessons, learning golf, attending various keep-fit classes, an amateur dramatic group and a couple of choral societies. She also enjoys ballet and symphony concerts, collects porcelain figurines and goes on long, gossipy dog-walks with a friend.

Charity work has also become part of her life. "I've done a lot over the years but I've never stuck at the same thing because I think that if you do anything for too long you become stale." She has worked with cerebral palsy sufferers, Age Concern, meals on wheels and riding for the disabled.

Shortly before John Major's condemnation of the hefty pay awards, she met him and Norma Major at a local charity event and chatted with Mrs Major about "our children and our pets. I enjoyed her company immensely. If she wasn't who she is I could take to her as a friend."

Her husband's success has meant that their daughter Susan, aged 14, has had a considerably more affluent upbringing than their two older children, Alastair, aged 29, a chartered accountant, and Mary, 27, who is in public relations. Susan gets driven around in her father's company Daimler or her mother's new Peugeot, and is learning the piano and flute. Mrs Harris is hoping to take her on a world tour and is currently working on her husband to buy a grand piano for Susan and herself. "We don't want just any old grand piano, we want a really nice one, ideally a Steinway."

She would rather buy furniture than clothes any day — "like most wives I'd like to chuck everything out and start again". Household shopping has also become easier now that she does not have to worry about the expense. She remembers going into her first big supermarket "with not much money in my purse and being overcome". Today, she may spend £100 in the local Safeway. "I don't tend to look at the price of things now," she says.

She met her husband when she went with some girlfriends to a carnival in Birmingham. They agreed to meet that night under the big wheel. "He sat in the ghost train and patted the seat next to him and I got in and that was it," Mrs Harris says. She was 16 and he was 18. They courted for two years, spending their lunch hours at the casino in Birmingham, jiving and talking about their future plans "which were just about getting married and getting a house. All we ever wanted to do was be married and have a family. I've had many dreams since but they're only dreams. If life went my way I'd be a famous musician."

Mr Harris, she says, "has always been keen to get on", but she would not describe her husband as ambitious. His father died when he was a baby, leaving his mother with three small children. "He realised that if he didn't do something himself he was going to continue in poverty," Mrs Harris says. Her husband has been known to sum up his achievements as "not bad for the son of a window cleaner".

She took up golf in order to spend more time with her husband, swiftly "realised what it was all about — and I think I'm hooked". But as her husband has worked his way up the executive ladder she has seen less of him. "We rarely have dinner together at home because he's rarely home," Mrs Harris says. "Susan and I usually eat together at 5pm and watch *Home and Away* and *Neighbours*."

PHIL O'BRIEN

Lap of luxury: Diana Harris and one of her pet golden retrievers at their four-bedroom house

The dangers of lifts from strangers

A survey claims many passengers have been assaulted in taxis and minicabs. How can they protect themselves?

Not safe in taxis is a rather quaint phrase that mothers of debs once used if they thought their daughter's escort was liable to get a bit frisky in the back of the taxi while bringing her home. In London it now has a more sinister undertone. One in four passengers using London taxis and minicabs said they had been subjected to an assault by their driver, according to research to be published tomorrow.

One thousand people in London and Manchester were interviewed for the study, which was commissioned by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust and funded by the transport department and the Woolwich building society. Two hundred and forty-six people interviewed for the trust, which campaigns for greater protection for women, said that they had suffered a distressing incident in a cab. Of these 246, minicabs accounted for 199 incidents and taxis for 47. Six per cent of those surveyed had been threatened with serious assault.

Stefanie Callister, a Sky Television presenter, enraged a London taxi-driver earlier this week when she gave him a £50 note for a £3 fare. She says the driver would not listen when she offered to change the note at a nearby delicatessen, and that he kept her prisoner in the back of a locked cab while he went to a bank to change the £50 note. According to Ms Callister he then verbally abused her.

The familiar black lines of a London cab should provide some security. Each vehicle has to be licensed by the Metropolitan police and is easily traced. The 15,000 cabbies are vetted for criminal records. Harry Feigen, the chief executive of the Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association, said he suspected "a rogue cowboy cabbie" had preyed upon Ms Callister. The Metropolitan police believe that there are 200 unlicensed black cabs posing as the real thing in the city.

Anyone can buy an old unlicensed taxi for as little as £600. But Mr Feigen says it is easy to spot an unauthorised cab. "Always check a cab before setting foot in it," he says. "Make sure that it hasn't got any dents, as this is a good giveaway. Licensed taxis are checked three times a year for road worthiness.

"Then check that it has a modern, computerised meter and a proper licence plate on the back. If you are still unsure, ask to see the driver's identification and take down the number of his licence." A spokesman for the Metropolitan police agreed: "This has been going on for 20 years, but it has got much worse recently, with people desperate for work."

Mr Feigen is openly hostile about the 44,000 minicabs in greater London which, unlike those in other British cities, do not have to have a special licence from the local authority. Many come from reputable firms, but the Metropolitan police spokesman says they regularly pick up minicab drivers who have no insurance, no company and even, on occasion, no driving licence.

Gideon Feigel, the chairman of the Minicab Association, which was set up 15 months ago to co-ordinate standards of minicabs and has 10 per cent of minicab companies affiliated to it, says: "Women can never feel totally safe with male drivers. We can only try to make the drivers more accountable."

Lady Cabs was set up ten years ago in London to cater for such a problem. It has five offices and is one of the few companies which employs only women drivers. "We get young women, children and the handicapped, but we will only take escorted men," Cindy George, the managing director, says. "It is not that we hate men, but women increasingly seem to feel the need to be more protected."

Setting up a women-only company is difficult, Mrs George says. The Equal Opportunites Commission will not allow advertisements for women-only drivers, and many women cannot make the commitment to work in the middle of the night. But Mrs George says: "I think if a woman is sensible, and does not get in a taxi unless she has ordered it from a reputable company, or gets into a licensed cab, she should be fine."

ALICE THOMSON

Safer driver: women taxi drivers are rare in London

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BRIEFING

God to go home

A NIGHT of triumph at the Indian High Commission on Monday: the 12th century "Nataraja" bronze, the statue of a Hindu god returned to the Indian government by House of Lords judgment a few days ago, was exhibited at a celebratory reception. The statue, valued at £1.5 million, was removed from an Indian temple in 1976; later it was acquired in good faith by a Canadian corporation. It was sent to the British Museum for restoration, but curators became suspicious of its origins. Seized by the Metropolitan Police in 1982, it has been the subject of litigation since that time.

Uncensored

A WARTIME documentary about the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor, once described as "political dynamite" and censored from 85 to 38 minutes, is finally to be released complete. Six days after the Japanese attack, the Hollywood director John Ford took a unit to the scene; *December 7*, the resulting film, angered President Roosevelt by portraying a High Command unprepared for war.

Last chance...

PETER Greenaway first trained as a painter, as the many arty references in his films suggest. His exhibition at Watermans Arts Centre, Brentford (081-568 1186) — "If only film could do the same . . ." — is a mini-retrospective of his non-moving art, including new pieces connected with his forthcoming film, *Prospero's Books*. Until Sunday.

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LITERATURE: CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Final shift at the chocolate factory

The last children's book by the late Roald Dahl is published next week. Brian Alderson detects a mellowing of the master's mischief

At the time of his death last November, Roald Dahl had two new children's books making their laborious way through the press. *The Vicar of Nibbleswicke*, the first, appeared in May. The second is published next week. This is *The Minpins*, a fanciful invention which Dahl apparently perceived as being qualitatively different from any of its predecessors.

Little Billy, the hero, is nevertheless a typically self-assured Dahl child, who runs off to the Forbidden Forest while his mother is doing the ironing. "Beware, beware the Forest of Sin," writes Dahl, adapting an old nautical couplet, "None come out, but many go in." And indeed, Little Billy is soon in trouble, being chased by a Red-hot Smoke-belching Gruncher.

But he is helped by the tribe of Minpins — tiny people who have built their houses inside the forest trees — and they all manage to devise an explosive end for the Gruncher. True to the flexible chronology of such fairytales, Little Billy gets home just as his mother is finishing the laundry, and there follows a dangling coda which adds a few random observations about Billy's later friendship with the Minpins.

Much of the book — not least the hasty plotting — is pretty standard Dahl. The story is told in his customary avuncular manner ("Was he nervous? — What? — Who said anything about nervous?"). There are the familiar devices: the Gruncher, for instance, is specifically related to a variety of whangdoodle monsters who are first heard of in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, while the Minpins clamber around their tree-homes wearing suction-boots, an invention that dates back to Dahl's earlier book, *The Gremlins*. And it would, incidentally, be useful to know more about the derivation of the Minpins themselves, for in 1959 an American writer, Carol Kendall, published a children's fantasy about a dwarfish, Womblish tribe called "the Minnipins". Have they now migrated to the Forest of Sin?

What "qualified difference" there is in *The Minpins* seems to lie in its narrative execution, which is a good deal mellower and less frenetic than in his previous stories. Obviously nobody is going to dispatch a Red-hot Smoke-belching Gruncher without a little aggro, but the Minpins and their allies, the birds, are decidedly less vindictive than previous Dahlish agents of salvation. Even Billy's mother — an Authoritarian Adult, who would usually, therefore, come in for a good thumping — is treated with unexpected leniency.

> *'Mother — an Authoritarian Adult, who would usually come in for a thumping — is treated with leniency'*

This will be greeted with relief by our more sensitive diagnosticians, who have rarely looked with favour upon Dahl. An eminent American critic, Eleanor Cameron, once called *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* "one of the most tasteless [!] books ever written for children"; and an English ex-headmaster "doing research into children's reading" charged Dahl with "incipient fascism" (as opposed to the "paternalistic feudalism" of Enid Blyton).

Even Margaret Meek, a distinguished authority on children's reading material, has commented primly: "I do not trust Dahl as implicitly as his young readers do, because I find his view of life seriously flawed by a particular kind of intolerance."

The substance of these criticisms lay, of course, in Dahl's vigorous partiality over matters of human behaviour. Few academics seem to be bothered by his undisciplined plotting or his cheeky vocabulary (the recent *Vicar of Nibbleswicke* is his last crudely hilarious fling in that direction), but they cannot reconcile themselves to his habit of picking on certain temperamental humours such as gluttony, bossiness and slovenliness and then inviting his young readers to relish the destruction of those who embody them.

Such a narrative method appears to endorse the ethics of the playground jungle, and its efficacy in selling books by the million — thanks to Dahl's technique as a button-holing storyteller — always put the educationalists in a critical dilemma.

Last week's Assessment of Performance Unit report on primary-school reading, which confirmed Dahl's pre-eminence over Blyton, only added to the discomfort of the educationalists. Here they were, wanting more children to read more books, and the little blighters insisted on turning to incipient fascism.

The Minpins, though, where only a nasty Gruncher gets hurt, will mollify them and they should certainly find something to cheer in Patrick Benson's voluptuous illustrations. Apparently Roald Dahl was so convinced of the special quality of his new book that he wanted "detailed and beautiful" pictures for it — unlike the wondrous drawings by Quentin Blake which have been an almost inseparable accompaniment to his books since *The Enormous Crocodile* of 1978.

Patrick Benson gained the honour following some gentlemanly kind of competition, and he has been perhaps more successful than Roald Dahl would have wished. His pen-work and his gift for colour are richly evocative both in the dramatic encounters with the flaming Gruncher and in the atmospheric forest-scenes, where his interpretations almost upstage the story-telling. And once the Gruncher is dispatched and Dahl's *saeva indignatio* can find no target in the Lilliput of his modest Minpins and benign birds, Patrick Benson is the man who holds the book together.

A single image tells it all. In one startling reverse-shot Benson shows us Little Billy's eye peering into the interior of a Minpin dwelling. This is a potent image, not just for its precise visualisation but also for its revelation of a territory which Dahl reached too late for its adequate exploration.

● The Minpins *is published on August 1 by Jonathan Cape at £8.99:* The Vicar of Nibbleswicke *is published by Century at £6. Cape is also planning a commemorative edition of their previously published Roald Dahl books for children. There will be 15 volumes in all, to be issued this autumn in a limited edition, at £1,000 a set.*

Little Billy and Don Mini (the small figure on the left): one of Patrick Benson's illustrations

THEATRE

Play's the thing for good actors

A Frenchman has come to London to teach the British how to act better. Kenneth Rea went along for a lesson

ALAN WELLER

Philippe Gaulier: comic glasses, an unlikely moustache and a tendency to slap

There is a new force sweeping through British theatre. He has comic glasses, an unlikely moustache and a tendency to slap people. This is Philippe Gaulier. The name will mean nothing to theatre-goers, yet more than 2,000 British actors, teachers and directors have subjected themselves to his workshops and count him, according to their experience, as a guru, a clown or a monster.

So strong is his influence in this country, where he has taught sporadically for the past ten years, that he has set up a permanent school in London to complement his Paris base. If his workshops on clowning, mask, tragedy, slapstick and direction please him well enough, he may even say *adieu* to France altogether.

Although his background is in mime and clowning — he was Jacques Lecoq's star teacher for nine years — Gaulier seldom misses an opportunity to knock the more traditional forms of mime. "Don't eat your words," he told a student in a recent workshop. "Those who eat their words will be obliged to become mimes after their death. *L'enfer, c'est le mime.*"

Gaulier demands from his actors a spirt of humanity and generosity. "When I direct or teach, I think it's an idea not of theatre but about life," he says, in a thick French accent. "When I see someone who wants to play a small, mean character, or who wants to be a poor stupid mime walking up the stairs or whatever, I think it's not normal. When you know Falstaff, when you know Rabelais, when you know great tragedy — all these marvellous things — I try to say to that person, 'You are higher, you are funnier, you are bigger. Remember Falstaff and all the life of these characters.' I am so sad when I see the person who wants to be a poor mime that I try to say something beautiful about life, or shout about the elephant, the hippopotamus, the rhinoceros. They are marvellous animals. You see a bad mime and a rhinoceros. You prefer the rhinoceros, of course."

Intellectualism in the theatre is anathema to Gaulier. He is not naturally inclined to spend time discussing interpretation. "That's boring," he says. "You sit around a table talking about Freud and all that. People say pretentious and so-called intelligent things, and everybody's very pleased with themselves for being so intelligent. But you've wasted a week. That's expensive. Rehearsals should not be just that."

The crucial difference in Gaulier's approach is that he is looking for the relationship between actors, not between characters. He calls this *complicité*, which he likens to the rapport that two close friends exhibit when they are together. *Complicité* is achieved through games. He will use them even when working on tragedy. "Children's games are splendid for theatre because they help you open up," says Gaulier. "Once you have that openness of a child, that simplicity, you can start to build the tragedy on it. Simple is magic."

> *'I'm trying to bring a little more freedom to people'*

Having taken part in his workshops I can affirm that his approach does have startling results. Through games a warmth is achieved. The eyes come alive, the whole face lights up, the defences drop away. There is a lightness between two actors. And when you speak text in this state, whether it is Shakespeare, Sophocles or a nursery rhyme, a radiance fills the studio.

Most acting in Britain, whether at the King's Head or the National, is at least competent. What is at issue here are the finer points that make the difference between mediocrity and something special. Stanislavsky, Brecht and Grotowski all had theories on how to achieve this. Gaulier brings to the task his theatre-clown background and a Rabelaisian sense of joy. It is *not so much the material* he uses as the atmosphere he creates with his clown-like persona: provoking actors, with a stream of jokes and warm-hearted abuse, into a state of incandescent generosity. "You're holding her like a lawnmower," he tells one actor. "Lighter!" he bellows at another. "There must be pleasure in the game. You're like General Schwarzkopf in Iraq." "Calvinist, vegetarian, homeopath!" he mutters to someone else.

Few who work with him go away hostile; some behave as if they have discovered a messiah. But is the Gaulier effect touching the theatre establishment? He has yet to reach a significant number of directors, though a group such as Théâtre de Complicité (much admired recently for its production of *The Visit* at the National), acknowledges its debt to him.

Kathryn Hunter, who won this year's Laurence Olivier Actress of the Year for her part in *The Visit*, finds that Gaulier's approach opens up vistas. "Rather than look at the text and character with blinkered focus, it releases a hundred new possibilities," is how she explains it.

Linda Kerr-Scott, currently playing the Fool in the Royal Shakespeare Company's *King Lear*, says "He's the basis of everything I know. What he's teaching is so right. He doesn't *let you get away with bad* acting or poor quality. And it's never indulgent. The audience receives so much more from Philippe's philosophy because it receives a general warmth, a magic that's created from people working together."

To deny that wonderful theatre regularly surfaced in Britain before Philippe Gaulier came along would be foolish. But on the whole, British actors do neglect to use their bodies and they do in general miss the *complicité* between each other through an over-analytical emphasis on the text.

The talent is not lacking; rather, the blame lies with directors who often know no better. That is why the British theatre can only gain from someone like Gaulier.As he expresses his philosophy: "I'm not a missionary or a militant. I'm trying to bring a little more freedom to people so they can do something different. If the school can give a lightness to the profession it will be a success."

● *Ecole Philippe Gaulier is at 22, Highbury Grove, London N5 (071-354 8005).*

CABARET

Hen-night bunfight: no casualties

An American male striptease show has opened in the West End. Lynne Truss makes her excuses and . . . stays

A lightly clad American hunk says "Welcome to your fantasy!", promisingly, and the all-female *audience screams its* enthusiastic assent above the high-decibel pounding of the disco beat. "Wow," you think, as the music goes boom, boom, boom, and the mysterious smoke in the Strand Theatre auditorium thickens. Do they really know what my fantasy is? Will they include the detail about the Argyll knee-socks? Is it getting hot in here, or what? Perhaps that fourth gin and orange was a mistake.

At which point a well-packed torso saunters off-handedly on stage, clutching a small towel to his hips (at the front), evidently confident that he represents the fantasy of every woman in the house (and apparently not far wrong). Languidly running a hand through his bleached blond hair, he makes a 180-degree turn, so that his neat circular buttocks point directly at the audience. He bends over, and — while a great wave of excitement surges through the stalls — demonstrates all the myriad possibilities of buttock-control. "Love the buns" is the general feeling, which it would be churlish not to share.

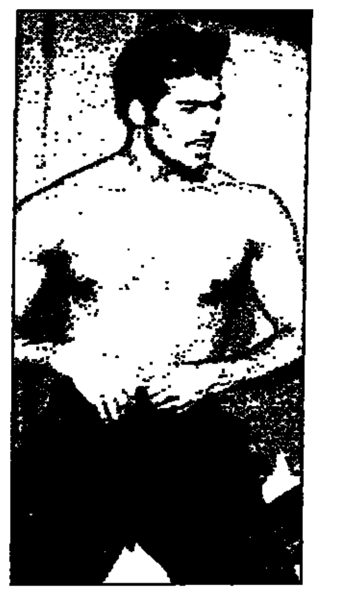
But does the towel come off? It does not. On the evidence of Chippendales, the audience's collective fantasy centres either on the semi-clad male bimbo caressing and oiling his physique (in simulated ecstasy), or making blunt ritualistic pelvic jabs around kitchen-chairs and motorbikes; either way, it does not require of Mister Bun that he reveal the principal asset of his trousers. I report this with relief, of course, but also with a measure of irritation. In fact, I found myself shouting "Swizz!" once or twice, amid the general musical din.

To add to the disappointment, moreover, the word "flaccid" could not help but spring to mind. While the umpteen brawny Chippendales take turns to dance and role-play in a variety of weakly choreographed routines — slipping out of pirate costumes, zoot suits and biking gear with an ease that is a real credit to Velcro and the easy-glide zip — attention inevitably pinpoints on the big fat nothing that consistently fails to give interest to the lightly dangling posing pouch. Since these men do not smile much either, it is reasonable to conclude that the ostensibly perky Chippendales simply are not enjoying themselves.

This was undoubtedly an unusual first night. For one thing, the audience seemed to have seen it before; if not, they certainly knew all the songs, and were quick to spot references.

The opening bars of the *An Officer and a Gentleman* theme-song were met with a great whoop, as a Chippendale wearing a white naval uniform strolled on stage and removed his peaked cap. Turning to my equally mystified companion, I shouted, "Who is he meant to be?" And she shouted back, "Prince Philip?"

The other out-of-the-ordinary thing about this first night was that the aisle-seats were filled not by critics (for whose cheery faces one peered around in vain) but by Chippendale-fodder: mini-skirted women who were willingly pulled up on to the stage in order to take part in the show. This added a certain *frisson* to my evening, I admit, but mainly because I kept imagining the rampaging Chippendale's aghast reaction were he confronted (as he might have been) with ranks of Michael Billingtons and Milton Shulmans, all studiously taking notes.



Hunky? A Chippendale prepares to disrobe

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Contrasting but similarly insane

Handel: Orlando. Soloists, AAM/Hogwood. Oiseau-Lyre DSLO 430 845-2 (three CDs)
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HERE are two operas of madness, but with the difference that while Handel represents Orlando's derangement with the maximum of asymmetry that the exceedingly symmetrical Baroque language could accommodate, Prokofiev goes in exactly the reverse direction and has his Renata spinning in wild repetitive motion. However, in both cases insanity is a transgression, and in both cases, too, it takes a character outside the charmed circle of operatic dialogue. The solo mad scene for Orlando at the end of Handel's second act is justly famed for its extraordinariness, but maybe even more remarkable are the duets in the third act, where Orlando's apartness is more vividly underlined by the contrast.

The new Academy of Ancient Music recording of **Orlando** was made after an American tour of a semi-staged production by the same team, and though this is a studio version, a touch of the theatre is reintroduced by tapes of wind and thunder effects. The vocal performances are all patchy. Emma Kirkby is quite uncharacteristically put out by the range and agility of Dorinda's last aria, and James Bowman has the problem of baritone underpaint showing through in the more strenuous parts of the title role. His is, however, the performance that justifies the whole enterprise, not only by its daring but also by its thrilling achievement in such things as the virtuoso aria early in the second act.

The Prokofiev performance, **The Fiery Angel**, is more consistently on a high level, thanks to Neeme Järvi's tenacious grip on the score and on his Swedish players: the colours and rhythms of this swirling orchestral machine are brilliantly alive, even if it is a bit disconcerting to find Prokofiev using the same language for "real" magic here as for the chicanery of *The Love for Three Oranges*. If *The Fiery Angel* is meant to be taken as a gigantic confidence trick, it does not give itself away.

Nor do these singers let the mask slip. In the central roles of the religious maniac and her besotted henchman, Nadine Secunde and Siegfried Lorenz are perhaps not quite luridly coloured enough, although their recourse to vibrato may be judged authentic. However, there are some telling contributions lower down the cast list, especially from Heinz Zednik as the magus Agrippa von Nettesheim (his single, short, wild scene is intoxicating), from Kurt Moll as the inquisitor in the convent act, and from the beautiful lyric baritone of Bryn Terfel. Altogether a powerful case is made for the work.

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Is Britain defending itself, or its outdated vested interests?

Our attitude to defence typifies Britain's problem. We are a nation that cannot break from its past. We live constantly in the shadow of the past, unable to conceive of a future in any other terms. The extraordinary continuity of our history and institutions reinforces this. We are a deeply conservative nation.

This is perfectly summed up by our attitude towards defence. For a century, Britain's worth has been synonymous with our diplomatic position and the military commitment that has underpinned it. No matter that since the second world war, this international role has become less and less tenable as our relative economic strength has plummeted. Our very identity as a nation seemed to make the sacrifices worthwhile. Britain would not be Britain unless it sat at the great tables and maintained a military presence.

The present defence debate proves my point. The recent white paper fails to rethink Britain's defence needs in the context of the extraordinary collapse of the Soviet threat. It recognises that we can now substantially reduce our forces in Germany. Apart from that, there is nothing new. Yet if there is one country that needs to review its ideas about defence it is Britain.

The debate since the white paper's publication has been even worse. Tom King was forced to do some amazing juggling yesterday to keep alive the names of regiments that are losing their roles. Labour has gone on about jobs, closures and sometimes preserving regiments. The air has been full of vested interests. It has been pathetic: a demonstration of the conservatism and short-sightedness of our body politic.

The big issue is quite simple. The end of the cold war affords us the opportunity to redefine not only our defence role, but our national identity. The era of great-power pretensions is over. We are a medium-sized European nation with a weak economy. We can afford to spend only as much of our GDP on defence as Germany, probably less. Our enthusiasm for playing the leading role in the new rapid reaction force is a hangover from the past; the idea that Britain can be the junior partner to America in out-of-area activities is a dangerous illusion; and the maintenance of our remaining global commitments is an anachronism.

The reasoning is not just economic; above all it is cultural. Britain must reconstruct itself. While we maintain a defence mentality rooted in the past, this is impossible. We need to make a new start, which will be extremely difficult and painful, precisely because it entails such a break with our past.

Judging by the last year, the chances of this happening are remote. The Labour party has virtually abstained from the post cold war debate on defence. Paralysed by the memory of the 1983 and 1987 elections, its only concern is to reassure. Labour does not want a defence debate: the very mention of defence sends it rushing for cover.

As for the Tories, the white paper shows there will be no new strategic vision, merely Treasury-driven cuts. The Conservatives, with some exceptions, seem unable to think afresh, prisoners of old assumptions and vested interests. Tom King is a classic example. In response to a question on *Panorama* about the timidity of the white paper, he sank into rhetoric about the Gulf: "This country would have been appalled if we weren't able to make our contribution." He then added that people believe in "a proper level of defence expenditure". This may be true; but politicians are meant not only to represent, but to lead. Where are our leaders?

One man could upset the Republican apple cart in the presidential election. **Peter Stothard** talks to him

What will make Mario run?

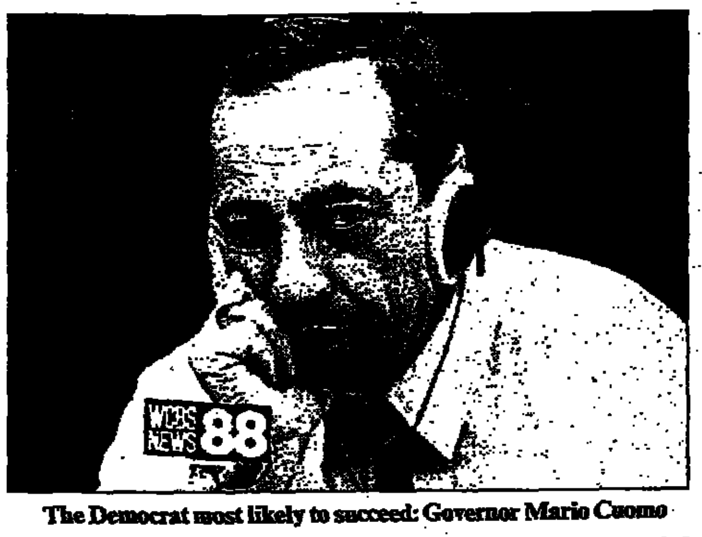
This week's words from Mario Cuomo, the New York governor, are being scrutinised throughout America as though they were George Bush's medical records. During America's politically debilitating heatwave, the only subject that pricks up more ears than news of the president's thyroid is the latest phase of hesitancy by the man they call "Albany's Hamlet".

Governor Cuomo recently has been unusually prepared to leave his desk in the dull-pink classical pile which glows over New York state's run-down capital. His local budget problems temporarily over, he is on a tour to talk about the problems of America and how a Democratic president, preaching a mixture of high investment, low waste and spiritual renewal, might work to solve them.

Will he leave his desk permanently and try to be that president? If he were thinking about running, he would tell people so, Mr Cuomo tells an audience in Saratoga Springs. In the week that one Democrat star, Richard Gephardt, says he definitely will not run, and another, grayer man, Jay Rockefeller, suggests that he might, Mario Cuomo kicks up another flurry of speculation. An aggressive orator, impassioned advocate for the poor and one of America's few unpredictable and unpackaged politicians, Mr Cuomo is a hero to many. He offers the prospect of a presidency restricted to America, at a time when America appears to have a "president of the world".

He raised hopes that he would run for the White House in 1984, and again in 1988, and he is raising them still. "It's an irrelevant question," he says when I come too close to a direct enquiry about his joining the near-empty Democrat ranks for 1992. The question does not, however, stop him giving a well-prepared account of how the Republicans could be kicked out of the White House — by someone.

"How long did it take Bush to win in 1988?" he glares across the tiny anteroom which he prefers to his grand governor's office next door. "That's a good question. The answer: it took two months to get ahead from 17 points behind. How did he do it? The ugly way, with Willie Horton." But will the 1992 Democrats have an issue like the liberal prison release policy, which freed a black murderer to kill again? Mario Cuomo looks as though he is about to take out a murder weapon of his own. "Are you kidding?", he growls. "What's the biggest debt in world history? The biggest budget deficit? The biggest bank scandal?"



The Democrat most likely to succeed: Governor Mario Cuomo

The New York governor is said to be unelectable because of New York's social and economic wreckage. "I laugh when the Republicans say that," he says, gesturing to an imaginary stage on which he might be debating with the president. "You want to compare my debt with your debt? A deficit in New York? I balanced my budget, when's the last time you did that? Taxes? You want to see your percentage tax increase against mine?

"Are you talking mismanagement?" Mr Cuomo is enjoying saying the lines he would need if he were up against George Bush in a television studio next October. "New York state is the ninth largest economy in the world. We were twelfth when I took over."

And so on. But to run or not to run? Mario Cuomo is direct about the doubts hanging over his electability. A successful candidate would have to be "non-threatening" to the American public, he says, "and I think distinct ethnic types are always threatening to someone." An "O" at the end of your name is handicap in the South. It is a favourite lip-smacking charge among Republicans that Mario Cuomo has mafia connections, and he would only have to declare his candidacy to be pilloried as a mini-mobster. Despite intense efforts in a city which boasts some of the world's toughest journalists, nothing to support that notion has ever been uncovered.

While conceding his Italian difficulty, Mario Cuomo argues against placing any single ethnic bar to a candidate's prospects. He also issues a warning against assuming that because a barrier has once been smashed it will not be raised again.

"When Americans elected John Kennedy it was not because they were somehow liberated of their prejudice against Catholics. If Nixon hadn't looked so sour and uncertain and dark, we might never have had a Catholic president. Doug Wilder gave it away last week when he warned us about the nomination of the black Catholic, Clarence Thomas, to the Supreme Court: 'Careful,' he said, 'this guy's going to have nuns with him.'

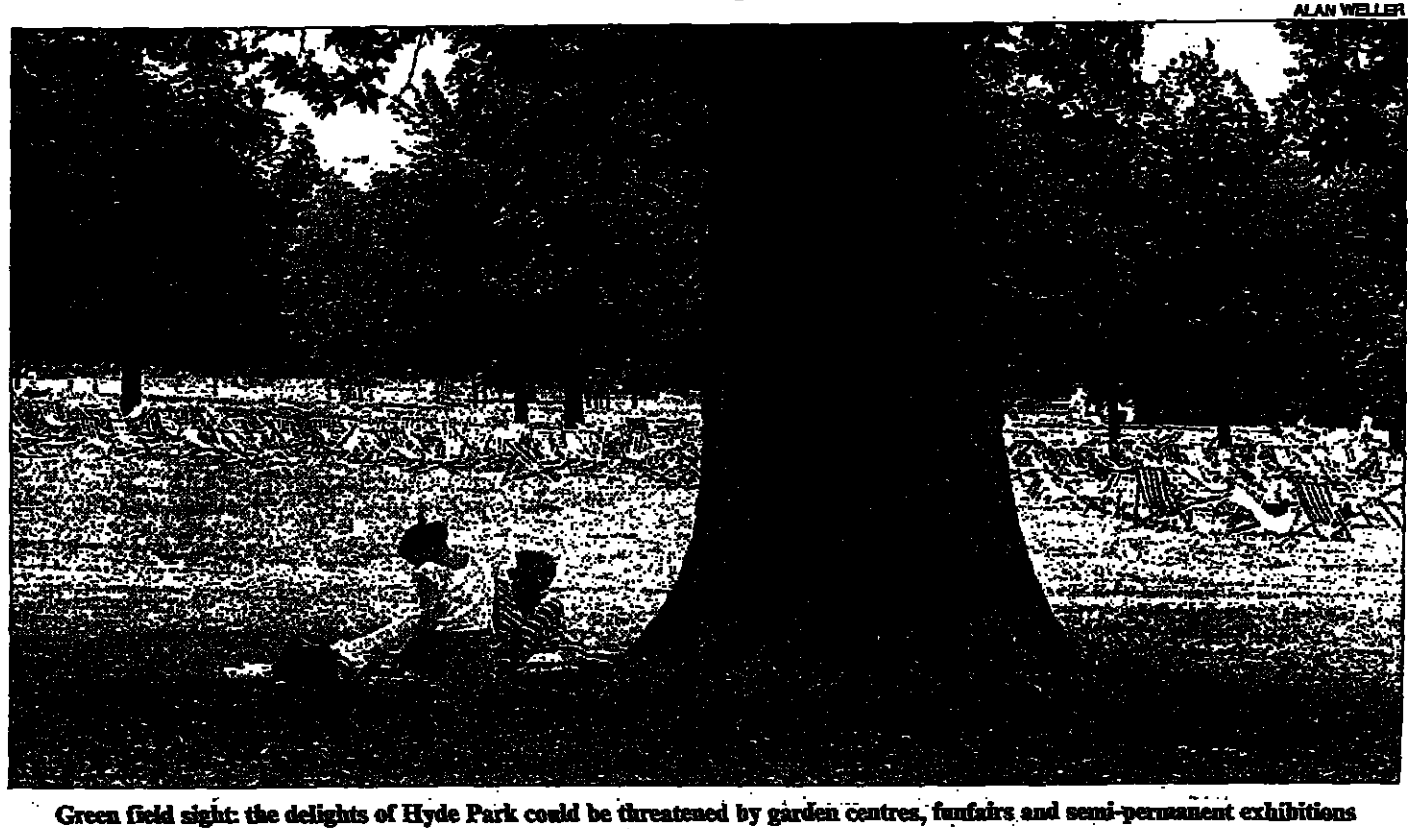
"As for a black president, we could have one next year if Colin Powell went crazy and decided to run. An aberration can happen at any time. It would not imply that we have advanced in helping African-Americans rise up in society. The system doesn't accurately reflect the attitudes of the American people. Winning elections is about having the right idea at the right time."

Mario Cuomo may never run for president. He has as much intellectual caution as political confidence, and the former may defeat the latter at the critical moment. But he talks like a president. He does not need a long campaign to be recognised as a president. If George Bush's thyroid were to produce 1992's October Surprise, if Iran-Contra and economic recession had to be whipped up quickly into a winning Democratic formula, the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus could bring another Italian celebration.

Blighting London's royal parks

Marcus Binney warns against plans which would put the running of treasured open spaces out to tender

ALAN WELLER



Green field sight: the delights of Hyde Park could be threatened by garden centres, funfairs and semi-permanent exhibitions

When ministers feel guilty about a proposal, they slip it out in late July or August. So particular scrutiny is required of the announcement from the Department of the Environment, just as parliament was about to go into recess, blithely headed *A Bright Future for the Parks*, not least since it is coupled with the announcement that all 340 staff in the royal parks are to be laid off.

Does this simply herald improved quality and efficiency, as is claimed, or has the mad axeman run amok? It is clear that these proposals have been under consideration by officials for well over a year. Now, however, we are presented with a *fait accompli*, without any of the opportunities for consultation or constructive debate that one would expect for such radical proposals, particularly from a minister like Michael Heseltine.

Instead we are fobbed off with an independent review group on the future role of Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens, under the (welcome) chairmanship of Dame Jennifer Jenkins. Its members may well come to see damage-limitation as one of their key roles.

The malaise in the royal parks is most clearly expressed by the year-long failure to appoint a new bailiff in succession to the distinguished Ashley Stephenson. (An acting bailiff, however excellent, is placed in an invidious position.) Pathetically, the beautiful bailiff's house in the centre of Hyde Park is now empty, with the garden running wild.

In the interim, proposals for giving the royal parks agency status, like the royal palaces group which looks after Hampton Court and the Tower of London, have been rejected.

More serious is the summary closure of the excellent royal parks apprentice school at Eltham. Not only has this trained gardeners for the royal parks, it was setting the very standards of excellence Mr Heseltine seeks. Its apprentices have regularly won prizes at all the big garden shows, and their glorious stand in the tent at Chelsea last year prefigured the romantic, wild garden look which dominated the RHS show this year.

Still more serious is the threat to the 160-strong parks police. The safety of any city's parks, particularly those of a capital city, is of paramount importance. The virtue of the parks police is that they are on the beat, on foot, day and night. At a meeting last year, officials pointed out the potential dangers of abolishing the parks police: mugging, violence, drugs. "Prove it to me," said Mr Heseltine. But, as one official sighed, how do you prove something without letting it happen? Must we have gang attacks on joggers like those in Central Park before ministers recognise that the parks police do a good job? The most the Metropolitan Police can offer is to patrol the parks in panda cars.

The government's underlying message is clear: privatise the parks. Here two main issues need to be thoroughly debated. First, management. Every important garden needs a permanent head gardener, as much as a school needs a headmaster or headmistress. Staff will be invited to reapply for their jobs, but all too many may take advantage of redundancy payments and seek work elsewhere or choose early retirement. Yet the quality of top management is crucial to the standards that Mr Heseltine wishes to improve. If we lose the commitment of the top gardeners, there is bound to be a loss of quality. Gardens require continuity. Past experience and forward preparation for the seasons go hand in hand.

There is also an obvious virtue in having gardeners living in the park lodges built for the purpose. Making them retirement homes for the present staff is the acme of absurdity.

The second question concerns the level of commercial activity allowed in the park. Mr Heseltine wants to develop horticulture, but says: "Opportunities for this are limited in the public sector." So will the private contractors who tender for the parks be allowed to set up garden centres in the parks for the sale of plants, fertiliser, garden machinery, garden furniture and the like? The Department of the Environment says: "A private contractor must meet very strict standards for maintenance, but they may wish to do other things as well. If they want to sell plants, there is no reason why they should not do so." But selling plants means provision for deliveries and car parking, which would be big encroachments.

Dame Jennifer's committee will also consider what kinds of event may be held in the royal parks. Clearly promoters would like to fill Hyde Park with marquees all summer, indeed all year. This is already happening on Clapham Common, where the councils, determined to maximise revenue, fill the park with a constant stream of events from evangelicals to funfairs. This means lorries, cars and coaches constantly invading the grass. The centre of Hyde Park could easily become like the royal agricultural showground at Stoneleigh, full of permanent installations for exhibitions.

Indeed, if Mr Heseltine really wants round-the-clock commercial activity, he might look to the Bois de Boulogne in Paris. This venue is providing the French capital with a new after-dark tourist attraction, with the ladies of the town disporting themselves topless in fun-furs.

At present the majority of park users come on foot or by public transport. Access to Hyde Park is difficult enough across the ten lanes of traffic of Park Lane. Now the west side of Park Lane is becoming a permanent summer coach park, and the north side is likely to follow suit.

Much more should be made of the history and design of the royal parks. There ought to be a curator of the royal parks, as there are curators for the royal collections of paintings, prints and drawings, and furniture. Henry Holland's elegant Magazine, just north of the Serpentine, would make a wonderful gallery for an exhibition on the history of the royal parks. A wealth of beautiful and entertaining visual material is available. At present there are not even proper guidebooks to most of the parks. A few discreet plaques explaining particular features would interest visitors enormously.

Mr Heseltine is right to want to make the most of the royal parks, but there must be wide and sustained public debate about whether he is doing it properly.

...and moreover

ALAN COREN

Time was, and this time of year it was, my skin was a source of major social embarrassment. In restaurants, it fell into the soup; at elegant soirées dark jackets which had begun the evening unpatterned would gradually grow polka-dotted; in intimate colloquy, just as I was warming to some captivating theme from my languid pose on the arm of a silken sofa, a light breeze would suddenly gust through the French windows and blow fragments of my forehead onto my hostess's raptly upturned face, to adhere with a tenacity that confounded all known protocols; and many a sultry night would I spend sleeping upright, like a horse, propped fitfully against a hotel wall while all around me the tiny desquamated flakes floated gently down, as if I were the star of some important Victorian paper-weight.

Upright, because my skin was not only embarrassing but acutely painful: the merest few minutes of holiday sun were enough to scorch me crimson. Nor did any oil, cream, spray or other notional barrier serve any purpose but to aid frying: on quiet days, I could, I swear, hear my skin sizzling, crisping, and finally curling into rashers on the hot skillet of my body.

I looked bizarre. Passing me on a Mediterranean beach, you might well have hazarded the diagnosis that I was there to convalesce following the ghastly experience of having being rescued *à point* from a cannibal spit by the fortuitous arrival of a British frigate, only to suffer further at the hands of a ship's doctor who had never quite got the hang of plastic surgery.

And all this while the rest of the world went flawlessly brown. I lay on beaches flanked by kippers, and turned only into a red mullet; and worst of all, each passing day pledged them ever more firmly into that masonry of the tanned from which at the same time it further excluded me. The skin which was my curse was their hobby; they swapped names of this and that chic new unguent guaranteed to lay on an extra golden micron, they let slip the location of this and that little bay where the sun was a watt brighter or set a moment later, they compared and contrasted and mutually ogled. I ogled nobody; if I smiled at some tawny girl, my cheek would split, a piece of my nose would fall off, and the girl's eyes would dart uneasily towards that pile of my belongings which might well contain a divested hood and a hidden hand bell.

And then, miraculously, a year ago, everything suddenly changed. What epidermal shift or glandular hiccup accounted for it I cannot say; it may just be that the annual excoriation had finally got my skin down to a melanistic layer where I had only to stick my head out of a window for it to go black, but that's exactly what it did, whatever it was that did it. So last year was annus mirabilis. I descended on the Cote d'Azur and I drew crowds; which beach, they frantically wanted to know, which suncream, which diet, which dermatologist...

Local girls came up to me and put their bare forearms against mine, and crept away again, wimpering. Germans who had lain motionless on the Antibes pebbles from dawn to nightfall (and may even have hung on a bit thereafter, too, in the hope of a strong moon) got up, now, as I approached, and skulked bitterly off. I had a great holiday. The best.

The last.

I came down again a week ago, I got out of the car, I stripped, I went black, and I ran onto the beach. The mob stared; some may have screamed. It was a Bateman cartoon: They were all white. A thousand wan faces turned towards me from the shade of a thousand umbrellas. Many wore full-length clothes; all wore gunk. The new gunk. The chic gunk for this year's colour. The gunk that keeps out sun.

There is Gel Solaire Factor 16, Sunblock 14, Conquête du Soleil 15, Clarins Anti-Solaire, there is 19 SPF, but even this is not enough for the fanatics. They concoct their own, they swap private formulae and artefacts to combine theirs with others, an ancestor's runic scribble, perhaps, a taste of goat pancreas marinated in absinthe, a few tiles from a space shuttle; the French sit there beside their buckets, slopping on stuff for caulking trawlers, lest one freckle bloom.

They say it is fear of melanoma that this season has all France in its frenetic thrall, but I know better. It is fear of me. They have made it unchic to be tanned. It was all the bastards could think of.

Fleet review

Whatever uproar the regimental cutbacks may have created in army circles, Tom King's right-hand man is content with the outcome. For John Gardner, King's special adviser, who was hand-picked by the secretary of state to strengthen the political presentation of the "options for change" review, there is only one real service branch — and that is the navy.

Such is Gardner's obsession that he is known as "Rear Admiral" and "Captain Birdseye" by colleagues. "I would hate you to get the impression that I am a mad sea dog," says Gardner, "but instinctively, by training, and intellectually, I am inclined in favour of the navy and the people who support it."

Three black-and-white photographs of first world war battleships sit proudly on his desk at the Ministry of Defence. His favourite bedtime reading, he says, is *Some Principles of Maritime Strategy*, by the Edwardian Julian Corbett. "I fell in love with the navy as a boy, on the Mersey waiting for the boats to come in," says Gardner, whose unconventional theories on military history made him a well-known character in his previous jobs, first at Tory central office and then in Downing Street. Put briefly, his military thinking appears to consist of a belief that most recent wars have been won almost single-handedly by the Royal Navy.

So might land-bound army chiefs be forgiven for detecting a tide running against them at the highest level of the review? "I think we have the balance right," says Gardner. "While it is true that I have strong views on the role of the navy in modern warfare, I would hate the other service chiefs to think me biased against them."

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● *Just as Harold Wilson believed that England's soccer world cup victory won him the 1966 election, Labour now seems to think the disastrous Australian tour by the Welsh rugby team could help win the next one. Yesterday Rhodri Morgan, the MP for Cardiff West, called for the Commons select committee on Welsh affairs to conduct an enquiry. "The jobs for coalminers and steel-workers, who were the engine-room of the great Welsh teams, have nearly all gone," he says. "The Tories' industrial policy has spelt the death knell for the Welsh team."*

Society's secrets

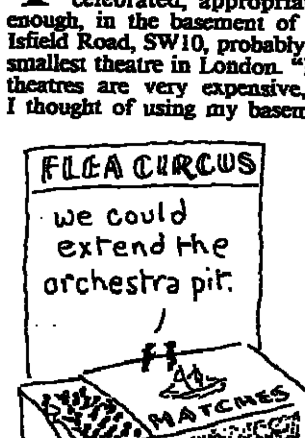
John Major's suggestion to Neil Kinnock that he could have sought briefings about BCCI on "privy council terms" throws the spotlight on one of the more arcane processes of government. Lord Blake, the historian, says: "Privy council terms are normally used when the prime minister or members of the government want to inform the Opposition about something concerning security. Normally these are matters where there is a consensus, such as the Gulf war."

Yet Major has already shown himself happy to use the system more widely, even on the most sensitive party political matters. Sir David Steel, the former Liberal leader, recently revealed that Major had told him on privy council terms in June 1990 at a Buckingham Palace banquet that sterling would join the ERM by October that year. That is exactly what happened, although the public position was that Britain would enter only if the three conditions set out in Madrid were satisfied.

Even as late as September, Major was insisting that the conditions were still some way from being met, although apparently the decision to join the following month had already been taken. "I was surprised when Major told me, but it was an illustration of his determination that Britain would be joining," says Steel.

Pooter swings a cat

The hundreth birthday of Mr Pooter is currently being celebrated, appropriately enough, in the basement of 23a Isfield Road, SW10, probably the smallest theatre in London. "Pub theatres are very expensive, so I thought of using my basement instead," says Kevin Moxon, a professional actor who stars as Mr Pooter in the one-man show, *Diary of a Nobody*.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Moxon has set about transforming his Kensington basement into a miniature stage and auditorium with room for a maximum of 15 a night during the three-week run. "We haven't got a licence so the show is just for friends of friends," says Moxon. "But we hope to tour other houses." Even so, Number 23a still fails to qualify as the smallest theatre in Britain. "I think that title belongs to The Little Mull Theatre in Scotland," says Moxon. "We have 50 per cent more seating capacity. They can only seat 10."

Earthy muse

London Regional Transport is plan ning to disturb the fine and private place occupied by Andrew Marvell. The poet is buried in the churchyard of St Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, and the Department of the Environment is considering a plan to sink a 36 ft-wide shaft nearby as part of the new Crossrail tube line linking Paddington to Liverpool Street. The churchyard would then become a dumping ground for excavated spoil.

"We've been burying people here since the 11th century," says the Rev Gordon Taylor, rector of the church for the past 42 years. "There are hundreds of famous names here. We even have 14 Roman Catholic martyrs who died at Tyburn, and who are awaiting canonisation. They must not be disturbed." The environment department has given itself until November to decide whether the earth will move.

● *The Lambton Worm, a 13th-century monster that terrorised the northeast, has finally been slain. The subject of Geordie folksong and much depicted in local guidebooks, the worm, which allegedly uprooted trees and bit local peasants, was killed by an ancestor of the present Lord Lambton on his return from the Crusades. Despite this mythological demise, the beast lived on in folklore. Now researchers at Durham University have concluded the worm was no more than a stuffed python exhibited in Durham's market place.*

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ISRAEL UNDER PRESSURE

James Baker has Yitzhak Shamir on the spot at last. The Israeli prime minister does not like the latest American peace initiative one bit. He believes that any concession now is the beginning of a slippery slope towards a "land for peace" deal that weakens Israel's security. He has spent a lifetime fighting for control of all the biblical lands of Israel, and will not contemplate the return of the occupied West Bank to the Arabs — Palestinians or Jordanians. He still believes Syria is Israel's most deadly foe, and has no faith at all in President Assad's new-found reasonableness. Nor does he welcome Mr Baker's role in giving Mr Assad this chance to place the onus for peace on Israel.

Yet after 43 years calling for direct negotiations with its neighbours, Israel does not want to be blamed for wrecking the peace process. The Bush administration is in no mood for prevarication: it has seen earlier presidents humiliated by their inability to seat the Israelis and Arabs at the same table; it also is sensitive to accusations of double standards, using military force to end the Iraqi occupation of Iraq but tolerating Israel's occupation of Gaza, Golan and the West Bank for a generation. Mr Shamir can no longer play for time.

Ever the optimist, James Baker said yesterday he was "encouraged" by the initial Israeli response to his proposals for getting a peace conference underway. Mr Shamir had said it was "very possible" there would be talks between Israel and the Arab world, and promised to study the Baker plan. But the Bush administration has made it brutally clear that it is not prepared to wait for long, saying Israel had used delaying tactics in the past; and this time the president wanted a clear answer before the Moscow summit. Mr Bush has even threatened to call a peace conference without the Israelis if necessary.

What Mr Shamir can do is ask for clarification. In particular, Israel wants to know who will represent the Palestinians in the joint Palestinian-Jordanian team. Mr Shamir is taking a tough line, insisting that nobody from East Jerusalem be included. He clearly hopes this will set hardline and moderate Palestinians bickering, or that the PLO will, yet again, muddy the waters with threats and insults. Wisely, Mr Baker wants to get agreement first on the package and start haggling over names later.

Mr Shamir does not trust Mr Baker or Mr Bush, and has poor personal relations with both. In his view, they think they owe the Arabs a reward because of the Gulf war, and are going to push Israel into concessions willy-nilly. His likely course is to allow the suspicions of the right-wing members of his coalition to grow to the point where they leave the government and he has to call an election. Going to the country would yield two advantages: it would rally Israelis around the prime minister if they felt under pressure from outside; and it would delay the start of any negotiations for at least six months, thus taking a new round conveniently closer to the start of the American election campaign. Labour, increasingly seen by Israeli voters as a party of the past, is in disarray. It is unlikely to be able to capitalise on the half of the electorate which now strongly favours the proposed talks.

Working against this strategy is Mr Shamir's age and mind-set. He belongs to an older generation which fought for Israeli independence but is increasingly out of touch even with the new right. He has too much emotional baggage to discard a lifetime of caution and conservatism, even though the younger members of Likud might do a deal with the Arabs. Unlike President Assad, he has misread the end of the cold war. Israel could always count on America's need for a strategic pro-West ally in the Middle East in case the Russians should push south to the oilfields and warm waters. This is no longer a threat. Israel is increasingly seen by Washington as a strategic liability rather than an asset.

All this leaves Mr Shamir little room for manoeuvre, as Mr Baker calculated. He has therefore wisely given a positive first reaction. The Americans should pay generous attention to Israel's fears and worries. But they must now take Mr Shamir at his word, and hold him to it.

THE BACKBONE OF THE ARMY

In January 1919, on the orders of the new Secretary of State for War, Winston Churchill, mutinous conscripts demanding immediate demobilisation were arrested in Horse Guards Parade. Tom King, the present defence secretary, has the opposite difficulty. His troops are refusing to be disbanded. As in 1918, in 1945, and following withdrawal from east of Suez, so the events of 1989 have made 40,000 soldiers redundant. Yesterday Mr King announced the merging of two dozen regiments, with another seven losing a battalion each. Others were reprieved.

Most officers, NCOs and private soldiers were resigned to some such upheaval, even before 1989 rendered it inevitable. But for those whose military careers are over or whose units will lose their identities the experience is understandably bitter. A lower birth rate means that the 25 per cent cut in servicemen will coincide with a period during which recruitment would have been harder. In addition, over half the Rhine army is to be removed from Germany. Only a policy of cuts across the board, civilian employees and Ministry of Defence establishments no less than frontline troops, will be seen to be fair and accepted as such.

Yesterday's document, *Britain's Army for the 90s*, suggests otherwise. It states that the 38,500 home-based civilians employed in army support will see a "substantial reduction", while those employed in Germany will be reduced by "about half". But Mr King should quantify the cuts in these staff. He should also explain how many fewer brass hats behind desks his planned reduction of the number of corps from 18 to 10 will produce. Above all, he should announce a thorough and independent audit of all MoD property. It ought to be possible without breaching security to justify the acres of training camps, buildings, ranges, airfields, villages and towns that still litter the British landscape. In wartime, property can be requisitioned. In between wars, the majority of MoD estates should be sold.

Mr King insists that the changes are all about how the end of the cold war affects British forces in Germany. But they are about Britain too. An army that is largely based at home, which no longer sees the plains of central Europe as its battleground, will see much change. Tank battles will play a lesser role. Despite the plans to upgrade the Challenger 1 and to buy more Challenger 2s, the new army will have only 500 modern tanks, half as many as at present. Low-intensity operations will be more important, notably in Northern Ireland. The army role long predicted by theorists such as Frank Kitson has come to pass.

Those who serve in the new army and their families will expect to live more normal lives. Yesterday Mr King announced a scheme to increase the low proportion of soldiers who own their own homes, some 20 per cent. He also proposed compensation for death or injury while in service — the generous insurance enjoyed by American troops in the Gulf has influenced the MoD.

The British regimental system, with its strong territorial and emotional loyalty, is strong enough to withstand yesterday's painful mergers. There have been more drastic peacetime reductions than this one. The army normally sees deep cuts after wars. While the need for preparedness remains, the cold war is now over, a war for once won without carnage. The Treasury has its pound of flesh from the troops. Mr King should now take a critical look at those closer to the heart of his sprawling and deeply conservative bureaucratic empire.

GOVERNMENT BY DESIGN

Labour's "Decade of Design" policy paper was never meant to follow immediately on John Major's citizen's charter. Indeed Labour party managers tried unsuccessfully yesterday to postpone its publication — for reasons of designer-politics, no doubt. But party rivalries apart, the "decade" makes a perfect follow-up to Mr Major's charter, because the one element lacking from his emphasis on the user-friendliness of public services was that which Labour has now supplied: design.

Though the British are now more conscious of design, the visual environment of the public sector remains deplorably shabby. While some private-sector companies, notably in the retail sector, embraced better taste as the bleak Modernism of the 1970s gave way to the more diverse and colourful 1990s, others have erected buildings that could easily be mistaken for hospitals, schools or social security offices.

The extent to which design can be improved by government decree is limited. State-defined taste can be dreadful. None the less, in putting the words "ugliness" and "elegance" into the vocabulary of public service, Labour's decade of design aims to do for the appearance of Britain what the Tory citizen's charter aims to do for its manners. These are bright clothes Mr Major can happily borrow.

Labour wants every new public building worth over £3 million to go out to architectural competition. This would not guarantee brilliant buildings, but at least there would be no more "in-house" carbuncles such as the environment department's Marsham Street offices or the rash of new London hospitals. By demanding that each department has a junior minister designated as responsible for design, Labour might make a few more officials think twice about the hideousness of what they are buying or commissioning.

Labour is unfair to lay entirely at the door of "12 years of Tory misrule" the shabbiness of the London Underground, of hospital waiting rooms, of government offices, of MoD housing developments. Marsham Street was a Labour creation. But anything which encourages consumer dissatisfaction with bad design is welcome.

Britain's skill in this field is a tribute to design education which is envied abroad. Yet the British share of world trade is severely (if unquantifiably) hampered by poor design, not least because manufacturers regard it as a final gloss on product development — if they consider it at all — rather than as an integral part of the process. Nothing has boosted Italian industrial design more than consumer fastidiousness about style, utility, and functional elegance.

Ultimately the remedy lies beyond politics, which is why the promotion of British design sits incongruously with party political point-scoring in the Labour document. Design is an educational hybrid, lying half way between technology and aesthetics, and it therefore falls between the all-too-British educational stools of science and the humanities. Only if that cultural gap can be closed will good design lose its status as an optional extra, and Britain fulfil its potential as a design world-leader.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Scientists' fears on a possible Hanson bid for ICI

From Professor Anthony Kelly, FRS, FEng, and others

Sir, That a bid by Hanson for ICI is being discussed as a serious possibility is a matter of interest to the scientific community, to all concerned with Britain's future technological competitiveness, as well as to shareholders in two very different companies.

The relationship between British scientific research and ICI has been built up over many years. There is scope for further development on both sides, and it is continuing to develop. It has long been a model of the relationship between research and its effective application in a wide range of industry. The value and the future competitiveness of ICI and of other firms depend upon it.

ICI and Hanson are two very different firms. Hanson is good at its own business, but it has far less experience of running a research-intensive business like chemicals. One simple indicator is that ICI spent £679 million on research development and technical service in 1990-1, with sales in that year of £13 billion, and Hanson £34 million on research with sales of £7.2 billion.

Research takes a long time to produce a commercial return, and before it does, further heavy investment is required. Last year ICI invested £1,013 million and Hanson, in contrast, £247 million. The appropriate comparisons between firms in different industries and countries over different periods would be discussed exhaustively in the event of a bid. But in estimating the effect on future profits and dividends, investors should remember working realities.

Outside the company, scientists work with ICI in many different modes: on particular topics of research, in keeping ICI scientists aware of new developments in basic science which may have fruitful application, in educating students in science and technology, and in training them in research.

It is a cooperation in depth. To be more specific: last year, ICI supported more than 60 research projects in universities, spending £7 million, by far the greater part within the UK. It holds 280 cooperative studentships in universities. It contributes to education by providing 1,500 places for work-experience schemes of one week or more to students in schools and colleges and 100 such placements for teachers.

The readiness of scientists to cooperate with ICI depends on the effectiveness with which they have seen ICI working in the past. It depends not only on the scientists in ICI that they work with, but on how well those scientists are able to work with their colleagues in other departments to produce results.

The culture of a large, world-competitive, science-based company takes a long time to establish. But it could quickly be destroyed by short-term savings which significantly reduced research, thinned out technological capabilities, and altered scientific collaborations that are essential for the long-term competitiveness of the company.

A successful Hanson bid for ICI, without assurance that the above practices would continue, would be a signal to the scientific community and the next generation that the City, the government, and the European Community are not interested in maintaining British science-based enterprise, with damaging effects on our technological competitiveness going far beyond ICI.

Each of us writes in his personal capacity.

Yours faithfully,
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ADRIAN (Cambridge),
MICHAEL ATIYAH
(President, Royal Society),
A. R. BATTERSBY (Cambridge),
J. W. BRIDGES (Surrey),
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University of Surrey,
Guildford, Surrey.
July 22.

Yugoslavia's plight

From Sir Fitzroy Maclean

Sir, Mr Michael Lees (July 17) suggests that Tito's "unifying influence" was essentially an iron grip exercised through a ruthless secret police. The fact remains, however, that for over 40 years after Tito took power Yugoslavia was an open, peaceful, reasonably united and relatively prosperous country.

The Churchill government's to my mind correct decision to back Tito in preference to Mihajlovic was taken primarily on military grounds, namely that Tito was making a demonstrably far bigger contribution to the Allied war effort, which in 1943 was an important consideration. Tito's break with Stalin in 1948 is a matter of history. To deny its reality, as Mr Lees does, or its wider significance, seems to me hard to justify.

Mr Lees calls the wartime Četnik movement apolitical. I should have thought that, like today's increasingly active Četniks, it tended to be Serb nationalist in character.

Yours faithfully,
FITZROY MACLEAN,
Strachur House, Strachur, Argyll.

Dishonest solicitors

From the General Secretary of the British Legal Association

Sir, I am delighted to see that Mr David Morgan (report, July 11) does not think that the profession is riddled with dishonest solicitors. It is a pity that, as he apparently regularly defends solicitors before the Disciplinary Tribunal, he did not emphasise more strongly the existence of 50,000 perfectly honest solicitors.

Not only are they honest but, out of their own pockets, they reimburse clients unfortunate enough to lose money through the defalcations of the miniscule number of their defaulting brethren. To suggest that the economic recession results in a greater temptation to be dishonest is an insult to his own profession.

Yours truly,
GEOFFREY R. THOMAS,
General Secretary,
British Legal Association,
56 Wind Street,
Swansea, West Glamorgan.

Airport slots

From Miss Gill Samuel

Sir, Your Comment article, "Open skies" (Business News, July 18), states that in Britain airport slot allocation is based on auctions, with slots going to the highest bidding airlines.

I am afraid this is entirely wrong. The true position is that the slot allocation system continues to operate, as it does worldwide, using International Air Transport Association guidelines, which rest on the principle known as "grandfather rights". This means that an airline holding a slot in one season is entitled to claim the equivalent slot in the following corresponding season.

The change earlier this year to the London area traffic distribution rules allowed more airlines than previously to apply for slots at Heathrow, but made no difference to the way that slots are allocated.

While recognising the virtues of the Iata system, the department is exploring whether slot-allocation procedures could be improved, to benefit users by promoting competition between airlines, without sacrificing the present system's flexibility or introducing excessive bureaucracy.

To this end the department commissioned consultants to look at a range of options. Their initial work suggested that market forces could have a role in slot allocation, by allowing prospective carriers to register their willingness to pay for slots.

The consultants are now doing more detailed work on the practicability and likely impact of different schemes, both regulatory and market-based. We believe that this work will inform our contribution to discussions within the EC on the Commission's proposals on slot allocation.

Yours faithfully,
GILL SAMUEL
(Director of Information),
The Department of Transport,
2 Marsham Street, SW1.
July 19.

Loch Ness rubbish

From Mr Lionel Alexander

Sir, You report (July 19) that yet another scientific expedition, called Project Urquhart, is to visit Loch Ness. Microscopic worms are, for a change, the quarry this time.

Previous expeditions have left behind abandoned jetties, rotting canisters, pylons with wire still attached, half-submerged moorings and many tons of plastic.

Inhabitants of Glenurquhart, of whom I am one, venture to hope that when Professor Jones, FBA, speaks of managing the environment successfully he does not mean adding to his predecessors' bequests.

He and the authors of the project might instead consider leaving the loch to manage its own environment as it has successfully done for thousands of years.

Yours faithfully,
LIONEL ALEXANDER,
Clunemore,
Drumnadrochit,
Inverness.
July 20.

PSA record

From Sir Lawrence Airey

Sir, Nicholas Wood's article (July 11) says that the Property Services Agency has become a byword for Whitehall waste and inefficiency.

During my time as chairman of Inland Revenue, from 1980 until 1986, PSA designed and built 11 regional computer centres and linked them with over 600 local offices as part of a major programme to computerise PAYE. The cost of the programme exceeded £50 million.

The whole project was completed on time and to budget: PSA's efforts, together with those of the computer manufacturers and Inland Revenue's own staff, represented an excellent piece of teamwork. Cost overruns and delays may well be the client's fault rather than PSA's, but we are not likely to hear that side of the story.

Yours faithfully,
L. AIREY,
Lions House, The Walls,
Berwick-upon-Tweed,
Northumberland.
July 18.

Judging doctors

From Dr Richard C. Johnson

Sir, In writing on the Rance case ("Why judges should not play doctors", The Law, July 16) Dr Michael Arnheim disputes the judge's refusal to award compensation to a mother whose doctors had failed to warn her, after an ultrasound scan, of the risk that her child would be born with spina bifida. It seems to me that two distinct issues are at stake.

First, was the hospital negligent in not informing the pregnant mother of doubt over the interpretation of her tests? Arguably no.

Second, should the mother receive financial compensation when the baby was, in fact, born with spina bifida? Arguably yes.

Under the law at present, it seems that it is a case of sue or shut up: a most unsatisfactory state of affairs.

Yours sincerely,
R. C. JOHNSON,
7 Castle Side,
Sheriff Hutton, York.
July 16.

From Mr M. A. M. S. Leigh

Sir, It is not apparent why Dr Arnheim should have accused the judge in Rance v. Storr and Mid-Downs Health Authority of "playing doctors" (as your headline puts it). In the course of a ten-day trial the judge listened to evidence from four obstetricians, two paediatricians and two radiologists. So far as I, the solicitor responsible for the defence, am aware, no doctor in any of these specialties has suggested that the judge made a mistake of medicine.

The fact that no appeal was brought is good evidence that those in a position to know, the lawyers who acted for Mr and Mrs Rance, did not think he made a mistake of law either.

It is no clearer why Dr Arnheim thinks that the judge's finding that the foetus would have been 27 weeks and one day was crucial. He did not say "it was this one day that made all the difference". The finding was that any foetus was capable of being born alive if it could exist after birth "as a live child, that is to say, breathing and living by reason of its breathing through its own lungs alone, without deriving any of its living or power of living by or through any connection with its mother".

Until April 1991 the law protected any such foetus, whether of 28 weeks' gestation or not. The defendant, Dr Storr, shared what he told the judge was a "general understanding throughout the profession" that 24 weeks was the upper limit for performing abortions. As a result his actions were not negligent for there was no obligation on him to take the matter further when shown the doubtful result of an ultrasound scan.

So far from judges "playing doctors", rather it was a case of doctors having to play lawyers to understand their obligations, and getting it right.

Yours faithfully,
M. A. M. S. LEIGH,
Hempsons (solicitors),
33 Henrietta Street,
Covent Garden, WC2.
July 17.

From Dr D. N. Kay

Sir, The definition of medical negligence implied by Dr Arnheim, if widely held, would be of great concern not only to radiologists, but to all those who exercise professional judgment in whatever field.

Scores of medical images are presented to radiologists daily by radiographer colleagues expressing concern or doubt about the appearances. Often their concerns are justified, but as often there is indeed no abnormality. There is a world of difference between being wrong, and being negligent, which surely implies either a lack of care or a lack of reasonable expertise.

If a barrister pursues a line of questioning which produces an unwelcome response and loses the case, is he automatically negligent? Is a judge negligent if his decision is overturned by a higher court?

Medical imaging is a more difficult medical specialty than is commonly realised: it will be impossible if radiologists are required to be infallible.

Yours faithfully,
D. N. KAY (consultant radiologist),
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July 17.

From Miss Alice Hodkinson

Sir, There is a growing tendency for those on whom a misfortune falls, in this case that of a disabled child, to look for a scapegoat and for someone else to pay. When an infant is born with spina bifida, it is an "act of God", an accident of nature. No amount of money will make the child "normal", whatever that may be.

Yours sincerely,
ALICE HODKINSON,
Trinity College, Cambridge.
July 16.

BA's difficulties on immigration

From Mr Andrew Osborne

Sir, The decision taken by Lord King and the board of British Airways (reports, July 17, 18; letters, July 19) to refrain from contributing to Conservative party funds, because of the heavy-handed attitude of the Home Office to the difficult problem of those who decide to "lose" their travel documents prior to arriving in our country, warrants close examination.

Of the two cases highlighted, the first, concerning the Yugoslav official who arrived with his daughter's passport, could have been prevented by the check-in agent, at the boarding point, simply by asking the passenger for his passport and ticket and confirming that the names matched.

It seems that this was not done and so the fine would, under the circumstances, appear to be justified. There is however one problem which it seems the Home Office and HM Immigration have been aware of, but on this and many other occasions since 1987, when the fines were first introduced, have chosen to ignore.

Airlines have the right to ask the passenger to produce a valid ticket to confirm entitlement to travel. What they do not have is the right to see the passport or travel document to ensure that it is valid or even that it contains a visa, should one be required.

With reference to the second case, concerning the 65 Turks who destroyed their passports en route, one has to ask just how the airlines are supposed to identify these potential problem passengers and develop a system that confirms to the UK immigration officials that reasonable steps were taken prior to boarding all passengers.

Through my past experience (from 1985-8 I was the British Airways officer in charge of sales and reservations at Gatwick airport) this amounted to the airline having to consider holding copies of passports belonging to all those who we thought might be potential asylum-seekers on arrival.

Bearing in mind, once again, that the airline staff have no right to insist on seeing the passenger's passport in the first place, I wonder just how the airlines are supposed to prevent these problems from continuing.

In 1987 the fines were seen as "a nice little earner" for the Home Office. Following the decision to double the amount, it now appears to be doubly so, but one which the airlines can do nothing about, unless they invest heavily in photo-copiers at each airport outside the United Kingdom so that all passports can be copied prior to acceptance for the flight.

This assumes of course that the passenger is willing to submit to this in the first place, not to mention putting up with the time such an operation would take.

Under the circumstances one can understand why the airlines are not pleased with those in authority.

Yours faithfully,
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July 20.

UDR convictions

From Mr David Trimble, MP for Upper Bann (UUP)

Sir, In an editorial ("Silcott the scapegoat?", July 15) you refer to the doubts electrostatic detection analysis (Esda) has thrown on the alleged confession that led to Winston Silcott's conviction and you conclude with a call to the Home Secretary to refer the case to the Court of Appeal.

May I remind you of another case, that of the four Armagh Ulster Defence Regiment soldiers, Winston Allen, Noel Bell, Jim Hegan and Neil Latimer, where syntax analysis and other new material and new evidence has cast considerable doubt on the veracity of their confessions. My colleagues and I suspect that the Esda testing of the police notes, which was completed months ago, also shows that they are not the accurate contemporaneous record claimed, but unfortunately the chief constable of the RUC has not yet made that report available, nor has the secretary of state responded to it or to the dossier submitted to him by a number of MPs and others on January 10.

Many believe that the UDR four were sacrificial lambs offered up by the authorities to appease critics who were alleging a "shoot-to-kill" policy by the security forces. Consequently I am pressing for a full judicial enquiry into the case.

Sincerely,
DAVID TRIMBLE,
House of Commons.

Invisible man?

From Mr Christopher J. Sims

Sir, The balance of payments figures (reports, July 23) coming, as they did, shortly after David Platt's transfer from Aston Villa to Bari (report, July 20) made me wonder if his move constitutes a visible or an invisible export. If the former, is he an erratic item?

Yours faithfully,
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July 23.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 23: The President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Mrs Mubarak arrived in London today on a State Visit to The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

The Duke of York welcomed The President and Mrs Mubarak on behalf of The Queen at Heathrow Airport, London.

The President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Mrs Mubarak travelled by car to Buckingham Palace and were met by The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

The Queen invested The President of the Arab Republic of Egypt with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a State Banquet this evening in honour of The President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Mrs Mubarak at which Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Prince and Princess of Wales, The Duke and Duchess of York, The Prince Edward, The Princess Royal, The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, The Duke and Duchess of Kent, Prince and Princess Michael of Kent and Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy were present.

The following were invited:
Suite of The President of the Arab Republic of Egypt: Mr Gamal Mubarak (Son of The President), Mr Amr Moussa (Foreign Minister) and Mrs Moussa, Doctor Zakaria Azmi (Chief of the Cabinet of The President), Doctor Ussama El-Baz (First Under-Secretary of Foreign Ministry and Director of Presidential Bureau for Political Affairs), Doctor Mohamed Atteya (Professor of the Faculty of Medicine), Mr Gamal Abdelaziz (Chief of Presidential Secretariat), Staff General Magdi Hatata (Aide-de-Camp in Chief), His Excellency Mr Sa'ad El-Farargy (Secretary to The President for Economic Affairs), Mr Ismail Sarhank (Grand Chamberlain).

Specially attached in attendance upon The President of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Mrs Mubarak: The Hon Mary Morrison (Lady in Waiting), the Lord Somerleyton (Lord in Waiting) and the Lady Somerleyton, Sir James Adams (British Ambassador at Cairo) and Lady Adams, Wing Commander David Walker, RAF.

Ambassadors and High Commissioners: His Excellency the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia and Madame Almanqour, His Excellency the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Mrs Shaker, His Excellency the Ambassador of Ecuador and Mrs de Correa, His Excellency the High Commissioner for Tonga and Princess Pilolevu Tuita, His Excellency the High Commissioner for Barbados and Lady Marshall, His Excellency the Ambassador of the State of Bahrain, His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Republic of Zimbabwe and Mrs Chiketa, His Excellency the Ambassador of the Syrian Arab Republic and Mrs Khodor.

The Cabinet: The Lord Chancellor and the Lady Mackay of Clashfern, the Prime Minister and Mrs Major, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and the Hon Mrs Douglas Hurd, the Lord Privy Seal and the Lady Waddington, the Secretary of State for the Environment and Mrs Heseltine, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and Mrs Lilley.

Special Invitations: The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs Carey, the Right Hon the Speaker and Mrs Weatherill, the Lord Great Chamberlain, the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon, the Hon David and Mrs Douglas-Home, the Lord Denman, the Lord and Lady Callaghan of Cardiff, the Lord Jenkins of Hillhead and Dame Jennifer Jenkins, the Lord and Lady Rees-Mogg, the Right Hon James Molyneaux, MP, the Right Hon Neil Kinnock, MP and Mrs Kinnock, the Right Hon Robin and Mrs Leigh-Pemberton, the Right Hon Paddy Ashdown, MP and Mrs Ashdown, the Right Hon the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Field Marshal Sir Richard and Lady Vincent, Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter and Lady Harding, General Sir Peter and Lady de la Billière, Sir James Craig, Sir Michael and Lady Weir, Sir Alan and Lady Urwick, Sir David and Lady Gillmore, Sir George and Lady Christie, Sir David and Lady Wilson, Sir Robert and Lady Scholey, Sir Peter and Lady Imbert, Sir Graham and Lady Day, the Lord Mayor of Westminster and Sir Leslie Porter, Mr and Mrs John Hill, Mr and Mrs Gwilym Roberts, Mr and Mrs Robert Horton, Mr and Mrs Albert Hourani, Mr and Mrs Jeremy Isaacs, Professor and Mrs Laurence Martin, Mr and Mrs John Tusa, Professor and Mrs Magdi Yacoub.

The Queen today received Major-General Robert Corbett on his appointment as Major-General Commanding Household Division.

The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 23: The Duchess of York today visited the Royal Welsh Show at Builth Wells, Powys, Wales and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Powys (Mr Mervyn Bourdillon). Mrs Harry Cotterell was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 23: The Princess Royal, Chancellor, University of London, this afternoon opened the Ronald Raven Department of Clinical Oncology and Cancer Research Campaign Laboratory, Royal Free Hospital & School of Medicine, Rowland Hill Street, Hampstead, London. Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 23: The Prince of Wales received Mrs Ann Taylor, MP, at Kensington Palace, W8.

His Royal Highness, Patron, Marylebone Centre Trust, received Dr Patrick Pietroni at Kensington Palace, W8.

The Prince of Wales gave a lunch for the Ambassador of the United States of America (His Excellency the Hon Raymond Seitz) at Kensington Palace, W8.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 23: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester this morning received the Chief of the General Staff (General Sir John Chapple).

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 23: The Duke and Duchess of Kent this morning received the Chief of the General Staff (General Sir John Chapple).

The Duchess of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief of the Army Catering Corps, today received Brigadier Barrie Atkinson on assuming the appointment of Director and Brigadier Barry Bloxham on relinquishing the appointment.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend a reception at New Zealand House at 6.30 to mark the launch of Population Concern.

The Prince of Wales, as Patron of the Royal Tournament, will attend a performance at Earls Court at 7.30.

The Duke of Kent, as president, will attend the RNLI's north east regional conference at York racecourse at 11.15; will open the community unit for the elderly Worsley Court, Doncaster Road, Selby, at 1.45; and, as Vice-chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Haarmann and Reimer, Dennison Road, Selby, at 2.30.

The Duchess of Kent, as patron, will attend Age Concern England's annual meeting at the Royal National Hotel, WC1, at 2.30.

Princess Alexandra will attend the naming ceremony of the British Rail locomotive 'The Guide Dog' at King's Cross station at 9.45.

Birthdays today

Mr John Ambler, former chairman, Texaco, 57; Baroness Blatch, 54; Sir Trevor Chinn, chairman, Lex, 56; Lord Digby, 67; Lord Fisher, 70; Sir Edward Ford, secretary and registrar, Order of Merit, 81; M Jacques Fouroux, rugby player, 44; Mr C.E.A. Hambro, chairman, Hambros, 61; Mr J.W. Hele, former high master, St Paul's School, 65; Mr Wilfred Josephs, composer, 64; Vice-Admiral Sir David Loram, 67; Mr Neil McIntosh, former director, VSO, 44; Mr Edwin Mirvish, proprietor, Old Vic Theatre, 77; Mr Colin Southgate, chairman and chief executive, Thorn EMI, 53; Miss Nora Swinburne, actress, 89; Mr Quinlan Terry, architect, 54; Professor Frank Thistlethwaite, founding vice-chancellor, University of East Anglia, 76; Mr Peter Yates, film director and producer, 62.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Simon Bolivar, Caracas, Venezuela, 1783; Alexandre Dumas père, Villers-Cotterêts, 1802; Frank Wedekind, dramatist, Hanover, 1864; E.F. Benson, writer, Wellington College, 1867; Ernst Bloch, composer, Geneva, 1880; Amelia Earhart, aviator, Atchison, Kansas, 1897.

DEATHS: George Vertue, engraver, London, 1756; John Sell Cotman, water-colourist, London, 1842; Martin van Buren, 8th president of the USA 1837-41, Kinderhook, New York, 1862; Matthew Webb, the first English Channel swimmer, drowned in an attempt to swim the Niagara Falls rapids, 1883; Sacha Guitry, actor and playwright, Paris, 1957; Sir James Chadwick, physicist, Nobel laureate 1935, 1974.

Dinners

Barbers' Company
Mr A.W.F. Lettin, Master of the Barbers' Company, assisted by Sir William Slack, Sir Gerard Vaughan, MP, and Mr R.J. Pincham, Wardens, presided at the annual ladies' dinner held last night at Barber-Surgeons' Hall. Professor Sir Geoffrey Slaney was the principal guest and speaker and Mr P.H. Lord also spoke. Among the other guests were:

Lord and Lady Perritt, Lord and Lady Smith, Alderman Sir Hugh and Lady Bidwell, Admiral Sir David and Lady Halifax, Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir James Watt, Sir Reginald and Lady Murley, Dame Kathleen Raven, Lady Tuckwell, Rear-Admiral and Mrs P N Marsden, Canon and Mrs M Wheatley, the Master of the Painter-Stainers' Company and Mrs Northcott, the Master of the Chartered Surveyors' Company and Mrs Bull, the Master and Mistress Cutler in Hallamshire and the Deacon of the Incorporation of Barbers in Glasgow and Mrs Malcolm.

Baroness Robson of Kiddington
Baroness Robson of Kiddington, President of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, was host at a dinner held last night at the House of Lords for the executive committee of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT). Those attending included:

Baroness Hooper, Under-Secretary of State for Health, Lord Ennals, Mr David Blunkett, MP, Dr Ian Twinn, MP, Mrs Joyce Wise, Chairman of Council of the Society, and Mr Brian Davey, President of the WCPT.

Luncheon

Glovers' Company
Mr Sidney Lea, Master of the Glovers' Company, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at Stationers' Hall and presented the Golden Glove award to Mr Adrian Marston, Vice-president of the Royal College of Surgeons. Mr Marston also spoke.

OBITUARIES

SIR ROBERT LUSTY

Sir Robert Lusty, former managing director of the Hutchinson Publishing Group, died yesterday aged 82. He was born on June 7, 1909.

ROBERT Lusty was perhaps one of the last truly distinctive personalities in a book publishing trade that has become increasingly the preserve of the accountant and the organisation man. Nonetheless he had a keen eye for economic realities, combining business acumen and a flexible intelligence with strong principles — a combination derived in large measure from his father who was a banker and his instruction at a co-educational Quaker school in Somerset.

Born into a Quaker family, the only son of Frith Lusty, Robert Frith Lusty was educated at the Society of Friends' Co-educational School, Sidcot. After school he spent a year in his first job as unpaid reporter with the *Kent Messenger* in Maidstone, from whose courtroom, he later recalled, he was on one occasion hustled out as the details of the next case were deemed to be too lurid for the chaste ears of the *Messenger's* Quaker cub reporter.

Thereafter his fortunes lay almost entirely in the book world. It says much for his early skill as a diplomat that he was able to survive for seven years as a member of the eccentric Walter Hutchinson's team, and while still in his twenties he took control of the Hutchinson subsidiary, Selwyn & Blount, being responsible for (among other successes) George Lansbury's *My England* — a situation summed up as "London's oldest statesman being edited by its youngest publisher".

In 1935 he joined forces with Michael Joseph, who had himself left Curtis Brown, the literary agents, to set up his own firm. Lusty managed production and editorial affairs strongly, and contributed greatly to the success of the young firm, especially after the considerable financial help given by Victor Gollancz was withdrawn in 1938. Lusty must take a large share of the credit for the speedy establishment of the impressive reputation that so soon put Michael Joseph among the outstanding imprints in the area of middlebrow fiction especially, with such authors as H. E. Bates, Monica Dickens, C. S. Forester, Paul Gallico, Richard Gordon and Richard Llewellyn. One of the first big hits of the firm was Llewellyn's *How Green Was My Valley*, with a print order of 25,000, a substantial figure given the date — September 4, 1939.

Michael Joseph was sold to Illustrated Newspapers in 1954 but Lusty was not left high and dry. Two years later he returned to the sprawling Hutchinson empire as chairman and managing director. With his many other preoccupations he gave up the chair in 1965, and relinquished the managing directorship in 1973 to become deputy chairman. Possibly his supreme achievement was pulling together the very mixed bag of general and specialist publishing companies that made up the Hutchinson group, giving each its identity and purpose while integrating all of them into a common system.

Always an innovator, Lusty brought his series of "New Authors" into being in 1957, giving exposure to many writers who might otherwise have been lost in the book flood. He also supported Arthur Koestler in setting up awards for prisoners.

His sang-froid was never more marked than during the controversy over the Hutchinson translation of *Mein Kampf*. His patient argument to the effect that the Devil must be understood to be properly opposed won the day eventually, and the work was re-published in 1969. Among reactions to the publication which he felt further vindicated his decision was that of a young German who told him: "I think I have the right to know what made my father mad."

Robert Lusty's sense of social and personal responsibility was recognised by way of various public appointments and by his knighthood in 1969. He was a staunch and valuable governor of the BBC from 1960 to 1968 in years when it was much in need of men of his particular qualities, and was vice-chairman from 1966 to 1968. He was chairman of the National Book League from 1949 to 1951 and was prominent in the ruling bodies of the Publishers Association and the Society of Bookmen. In addition he was a liveryman of the Stationers Company, a freeman of the City of London, and a governor of Bedford College, for varying periods.

Having made his presence felt in his twenties, at a time when it was unusual for the young to come to the fore in publishing, Robert Lusty displayed to the end of his days a penetrating mind and a dry originality of outlook that enriched public debate on subjects ranging from authors' lending rights to the condition of the postal services.

He remained an indefatigable writer to the newspapers on these and other burning topics. His autobiography *Bound to be Read*, which appeared in 1975, reflected upon a long and influential life in publishing, not scrupling to deplore some of the trends in the modern business on the way.

In 1939 he married Joan Barff, who died in 1962. Eileen Carroll became his second wife in 1963, and she survives him.

PETER KANE

Peter Kane, flyweight boxing champion of the world from 1938 to 1943, died yesterday aged 73. He was born on February 28, 1918.

THOUGH Peter Kane held the world flyweight title for five years, and after the war became European bantamweight champion, he never held a British title. He is as memorable for a stirring fight he lost as he is for his victories. His defeat over 13 rounds by the great Benny Lynch, then at the height of his powers, is part of boxing lore. Kane was renowned for his explosive punching; the flyweight division has seen few harder hitters. His power, combined with his Eddie Cantor eyes, earned him the nick-name, "the wide-eyed killer". Had the war not interrupted his career his strength and aggression would undoubtedly have reaped him greater rewards. Given the circumstances it is remarkable that he was able to return to the top of Europe's bamtamweight division after weight problems had ruled him out as a flyweight.

He was born Peter Cain in Golbourne, Lancashire, where apprenticeship to a blacksmith developed the strength which made such an impression when he turned boxer. He had his first pro fight in Liverpool at the age of 16 and over the next three years reeled off a string of 41 successive victories. In the mid-1930s he was the idol of boxing followers on Merseyside where he was managed by that wily guru of the ring, Nel Tarleton. He overhelmed the tough and fiery Phil Milligan to win the Northern area flyweight title and then announced his arrival at international level when he destroyed the Irish champion, Jim Warnock, in four rounds.

This prowess was acknowledged when he was given his chance against Benny Lynch at Glasgow in 1937. Kane was a raw 19-year-old and Lynch then at his peak as world champion. None of this overawed Kane who tore into his man from the opening bell. For a moment he looked like throwing him completely out of his stride but the world champion's craft was not, in the event, to succumb to naked power. As the fight wore on Lynch's counter-punching began to take its toll and in the 13th round, after being floored for a count of seven, Kane was knocked out. But the crowd rose to such a display of youthful courage against skill, and in the following year Kane was given a rematch: Lynch was overweight and Kane held his own to box a draw.

Lynch, unable to make 8st, had by now lost his world crown on the scales and Kane was matched with the American Jackie Jurich for the vacant title in front of a partisan crowd of 50,000 at Anfield on September 22, 1938. Kane brought all his native ferocity to the contest with an opponent who was vastly his superior in skill and speed. Though there were moments when it seemed that the American's ringcraft could keep him out of trouble Kane pressed forward relentlessly, dropping his man several times on his way to a comprehensive points victory over 15 rounds.

War was looming and Kane was never able to reap the rewards of his victory. The vicious punches with which he had floored Jurich had also damaged his hands and after the fight he had to have a little finger amputated. War service as a physical training instructor in the RAF now claimed him, during the course of which he sustained an eye injury. When, therefore, he defended his title against the Scot Jackie Paterson in 1943 it was hardly the pristine Kane who had won it five years before. By now he was also having difficulty making the weight and Paterson knocked him out in 61 seconds.

This might have signalled the end of most careers but when the war was over and boxing in Britain got back into its stride, his fans were soon delighted to hear that the Golbourne blacksmith was campaigning as a bantamweight. In his first year back in action he had eight straight wins and in 1947 he took the European title from the Frenchman Theo Medina. He defended it against Joe Cornelis of Belgium before losing to the Italian Guido Ferracin. Beaten a second time by Ferracin, Kane, at 30, decided to call it a day. Curiously, given his world and European honours, he had not only never been British champion but had not even fought for the title.

Retiring to Golbourne, Kane continued to ply his trade as a blacksmith.

ARTHUR CHESTERFIELD

Arthur Desborough Chesterfield, CBE, banker, died on July 21 aged 85. He was born on August 21, 1905.

SOON after Arthur Chesterfield left Hastings Grammar School and entered Westminster Bank in 1923, his branch manager reported that he was a potential general manager. That assessment was proved accurate in 1947 when he became a joint general manager, and three years later, at the early age of 44, chief general manager. His career had included a term as personal assistant to the redoubtable Sir Charles Lidbury, and when an assistant general manager he had played an important role as his bank's representative in the establishment of Finance for Industry, one of the two organisations set up after the war to fill the so-called "Macmillan gap" in industrial finance highlighted by the Macmillan Committee in 1931.

Strong and effervescent in character, often sporting a bow tie, he remained chief executive of Westminster Bank for 15 years, and relished coping with crises. He was chairman of the inter-bank chief executive officers' committee from 1956 to 1959 and was one of the team that prepared and submitted the clearing banks' evidence to the Radcliffe Commission. He was a director of the bank (and later National Westminster Bank) from 1963 to 1969, and became chairman of Singer and Friedlander in 1967 for nine years. His outstanding feat then was securing membership for this merchant bank of the prestigious Accepting Houses Committee. Another directorship was that of the Woolwich Equitable Building Society in 1966, followed by the vice-chairmanship from 1976 to 1980.

He was a member of the Export Guarantees Advisory Council from 1952 to 1963, a member of the National Savings Committee from 1954 to 1967, and chairman of the City of London Savings Committee from 1962 to 1972. For his work with national savings he was appointed CBE in 1962.

He married Betty Downey in 1932. She died after a motor accident in 1980. They had two sons and three daughters.

Forces news

RAF
Appointments
The Rev B H Lucas to be Chaplain-in-Chief (RAF) in succession to The Ven B N Halfpenny, Jul 91.

The Army
Appointments
COLONELS: J D Sankey – To BDS Washington 26.7.91; R V Searby – To be Comd Armd HQ 1(BR) Corps, 23.7.91; A E Thompson – To Sch of Inf (WARMINSTER) 22.7.91; R V Kelly – To MOD, 22.7.91.
LIEUTENANT COLONELS: F A Butterworth RAOC – To D of SUP MAN, 22.7.91; R C Mantell GREEN HOWARDS – To Misc Appts (O'seas), 22.7.91; E J K O'Brien QDG – To be DA KAMPALA, 24.7.91; S R Stanford-Tuck RGJ – To MOD 22.7.91.
Retirement
COLONEL: M F H Colman Late R SIGNALS, 28.7.91.

Royal Navy
Appointments
CAPTAIN: R A Y Bridges – Staff of FOF3 Sea in the rank of Cdrs 6.4.92; K J C Day – MOD Bath 6.12.91; P J Tribe – MOD London 17.1.92.
COMMANDER: R A Burgess – Collingwood 14.2.92; G G A Cumming – Staff of CINCFLEET 17.12.91; N R J Hiscock – Ark Royal 19.11.91; G J G Milton – Neptune 17.1.92; M A Phelps Centurion 10.1.92; J J Tall – Staff of CINCFLEET 15.11.91; H R Whitaker – Raleigh 2.12.91.
SURGEON COMMANDER: A R Mugridge – RNH Plymouth 10.9.91.

RNC Greenwich
The 1947 Term of Sub-Lieutenants of the Royal Naval College Greenwich celebrated a 44th Year Reunion coincidental with the 50th anniversary of their joining Dartmouth. Among those attending were:

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fieldhouse of Gosport, Admiral Sir Simon Cassels, Rear Admiral A J Whetstone and members of the Royal Australian, Royal Canadian and Royal New Zealand Navies. Commander G M B Selous presided.

Nuffield Council on Bioethics

The following to be members of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics, set up in response to developments in biology and medical science: Rt Hon Sir Patrick Nairne (Chairman); Mrs B Anderson; Miss M Auld; Prof the Rev Canon G Dunstan; Prof J Gurdon; Prof E Johnstone; Prof I Kennedy; Dr A McLaren; Mrs C Miles; Dr B Newbould; Prof O O'Neill; Miss J Reed; Prof Dame M Turner-Warwick; Prof Sir D Weatherall; Prof Sir D Williams.

Democracy 'is all the rage'

By PHILIP HOWARD, LITERARY EDITOR

DEMOCRACY rules the world these days, okay? Well, more than half the population of the world, from China to Peru, still bleeds under secular and religious tyrannies. But in the past two years democracy has made a wonderful leap forward. At the Triennial meeting of the Greek and Roman societies in Cambridge yesterday, delegates from all over the world dug around the ancient roots of our modern ideology of democracy and citizen's charters.

It has recently become fashionable to emphasise the basic difference between modern democracy and its founding mother, the ancient democracy of Athens. It is true that ancient democracy was direct. One man had one vote on everything from foreign policy to criminal trials. But it was restricted to a minority, namely the adult male citizens. Not a lot of democracy for women, slaves, immigrants, and other lesser breeds without the law. Modern democracy is narrower than its Greek counterpart by being indirect. You get your dim little say only once every five years. But it is much broader than its Greek grandmother, by giving political rights equally to the great majority of people who live in a country.

Mogens Hansen of Copenhagen University argued persuasively against the fashionable view that our democracy is quite different. It is true that the political structures of ancient democracy were quite different from ours, and it is hard to decode the value system of a society so long ago across the black abysm of time. But Professor Hansen found striking similarities between the basic political ideals advocated by Liberal democrats in contemporary Western societies, and those championed by the founding democrates of Athens. In particular, democracy has always been part of a triangle with liberty (from Oligarchs or Juntas or mad Mullahs) and equality.

Other speakers disagreed vehemently. That is what freedom of speech, another element of democracy old and new, means.

The conference put Socrates on trial for corrupting young men and introducing strange gods. Socrates, confirming the opinion of Pythagoras on reincarnation, was played by John Roberts of Eton College. I think he got off by the skin of his teeth this time. And it examined the complex ways in which the first dramatists of the Western world put the new ideology of democracy on the stage. After 25 centuries, democracy is the trendy ideology of the future.

Marriages

**Mr W.H.M. Gibson
and Miss C.H. Talbot Rice**
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 20, at All Saints Church, Cuddesdon, Oxfordshire, of Mr William Gibson, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Gibson, to Miss Catherine Talbot Rice, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Talbot Rice. The Rev Teddy Saunders, Dom Kevin Taggart and the Rev Canon John Garton officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Domenica de Ferranti, Olivia Leonard, Michael Dowling, Christopher Jones, Samuel Talbot Rice and George Baily. Mr Nicholas Harley was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

**Mr G. Kennaway
and Miss P. Moores**
The marriage took place in London, on Tuesday, July 23, 1991, of Miss Portia May Moores, younger daughter of Mrs Jenny Moores and the late Mr Nigel Moores, and Mr Guy Kennaway, elder son of Mrs Susan Vereker and the late Mr James Kennaway.

**Mr S. Thompson
and Dr S. Edmondson**
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 20, 1991, at St Giles' Church, Bramhope, Yorkshire, between Mr Stephen Thompson, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Thompson, of Orpington, Kent, and Dr Sarah Edmondson, daughter of Dr and Mrs Robert Edmondson, of Bramhope. The Rev Raymond Ward officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of embroidered ivory silk and carried a bouquet of roses, orchids and freesias. Ann-Marie Edmondson, Wendy Webster and Daniel Thompson attended her. Mr Andrew Thompson was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr W.M.R. Davies
and Miss H. Creasey**
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.R. Davies, of Whissendine, Rutland, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.B. Creasey, of Barton-on-Humber, South Humberside.

**Mr H.R.D. Durham
and Miss J. Kilcullen**
The engagement is announced between Harry, son of Mr and Mrs G.B. Durham, of Broad Oak House, Broad Oak, Herefordshire, and JoAn, daughter of Mr James Kilcullen, of New York, and Mrs Helga Kilcullen, of Munich.

**Mr M.D.J. Hosking
and Miss G.M. Bell**
The engagement is announced between Miles, eldest son of Commander and Mrs David Hosking, of Harrow, Middlesex, and Georgina, only daughter of Lieutenant- Commander and Mrs Brian Bell, of Ashey, Isle of Wight.

**Mr R.J. Mullis
and Miss A.I.C. Grand**
The engagement is announced between Robert, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Cedric Mullis, of Great Tey, Essex, and Augusta, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Laurence Grand, of Hammersmith, London.

**Mr R.M. Sudderick
and Miss C.R. Thomas**
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.B. Sudderick, of Meols, Merseyside, and Katy, elder daughter of Mr A.H. Thomas and Mrs R.M. Thomas, of Exeter, Devon.

**Mr C.J. Townsend
and Dr K.C. Plumptre**
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Captain and Mrs J.E. Townsend, of West Byfleet, Surrey, and Katharine, eldest daughter of Drs A.M.M. and J.R. Plumptre, of Southampton, Hampshire.

**Mr M. Turner
and Miss L.J.M. Auld**
The engagement is announced between Matt, son of Mr and Mrs Matthew Turner, of East Kilbride, Lanarkshire, and Lucy, daughter of the late Pat Auld and of Mrs Judy Auld, of Dunragit, Wigtownshire.

**Mr P.J. Woodgates
and Miss S.F. Wyles**
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs W.J.W. Woodgates, of Stratford-upon-Avon, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.F. Wyles, of Stanton St Bernard, Wiltshire.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:
The Rt Rev David Michael Hope, Bishop of London, to be Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal in the room of the Rt Rev and Rt Hon Graham Douglas Leonard. The appointment to date from the July 10, 1991.

The following to be Recorders assigned to the Northern Circuit: Mr David Gee, Mr Henry Globe, Mr John Hand, QC, Mr Timothy King, QC, Mr William Smith, Mr David Steer, Mr Andrew Seader.

The following to be Recorders assigned to the Wales and Chester Circuit: Mr John Griffiths, Mr Derek Halbert, Mr Patrick Harrington, Mr Thomas Hughes.

London Mathematical Society

Professor Samuel Karlin has been elected an honorary member of the society.

The 1991 London Mathematical Society Prizes: the Polya Prize: I G Macdonald; the Senior Whitehead Prize, W B R Lickorish; the Junior Berwick Prize, W W Crawley-Boevey. Junior Whitehead Prizes: N S Manton, A J Scholl.

Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! For in our union with Christ he has blessed us by giving us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.
Ephesians 1:3 GNB

BIRTHS

BESTALL - On July 16th 1991 at The Portland Hospital, to Cynthia and Frederick, a son, Frederick Alexander.

BROOM - On July 22nd, 1991 at Wexham Park Hospital, Stoke Poges, to Susan and Douglas, a daughter, Sophia Elizabeth Dudley, a sister for Thomas.

BUNDHUN - On July 10th 1991, to Liz Pether and Iqbal, a son, Kieran Majid.

COLWYN-FOULKES - On July 16th, at The Portland Hospital, to Jan and Nicholas, a son.

CUFLEY - On July 19th, at Mid-Sussex Hospital, to Tandy (née Samson) and Sean, a son, Alexander Allard Hardy, a brother to Jessica.

DAWSON SCOTT - On July 22nd 1991, to Elaine (née Cooper) and Robert, a daughter, Nina. Special thanks to W.R.C. and the team.

DIMITRIADIS - On Wednesday July 17th, to Sally (née Laver) and Alexandros, a daughter Sophie Alexandra.

FARNDELL - On July 22nd, at Queen Charlotte's, London, to Flora (née MacMillan) and Adam, a daughter Alexandra Mary.

FETHERSTON-GODLEY - On July 20th, to Kate and Martin, a son, Alexander Christian, a brother for Charlotte.

FREESTONE - On July 19th, at Royal Surrey Hospital, Guildford, to Mirima-Helen and Robin, a son, William Lawrence Patrick, a brother for James.

GREENLEES - On July 16th, at The Portland Hospital, to Sally (née Villar) and London, a daughter, Ysobel Lucy.

HALSTEAD - On July 11th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Caroline (née Broadhurst) and Robin, a daughter, sister for Arabella.

HILLMAN - On July 17th, at The Portland Hospital, to Lorraine (née Fox) and Paul, a daughter, Charlotte Sasha.

HILL - On July 12th, at The Royal Free Hospital, to Shahla (née Bouer) and Stephen, a daughter, Hannah Shahla.

HOGAN - On July 21st, to Angela (née Chaloner) and Christopher, a son, James Max.

HUNTER - On July 20th at Dorchester, to Nicky and Charles, a son, Henry Philip Saunders.

KENNARD - On July 16th, at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, to Sheila (née Robertson) and Andy, a son, Hubert John (Bertie).

KENYON - On July 16th, to Kate (née Taylor) and Andrew, a daughter, Olivia Ruth Pandora.

MALEK - On July 18th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Francesca (née Shoucair) and Ali, a daughter, Roxanna Nesa.

MANTLE - On July 20th, to Olivia and Jonathan, a daughter, Constance Diana Timbs, sister to Miles.

MYTUM - On July 14th, at York, to Caroline (née Reis) and Harold, a son, William Edwin.

OSBORNE - On July 21st, to Ursula (née Futcher) and Clive, a son, Thomas Francis Lawton, a brother for Georgina.

POWYS MAURICE - On July 22nd, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Hammersmith, to Joanna (née Gray) and Simon, a daughter, Emma Victoria.

STRAKER - On July 20th, to Victoria (née Gray) and Nicholas, a son, a brother for Jacquetta and Chloë.

TIMBS - see Mantle.

WHARTON - On July 19th 1991, to Nichola (née Chitterbuck) and Geoffrey, a daughter, Nell Marguerite.

MARRIAGES

FOX:MULNIER - On Saturday July 20th at St Peter's Church, Ropley, Hampshire, Jonathan Rupert Dundas Fox, son of Mr & Mrs Michael John Dundas Fox, of Hampshire and Charlotte Ellen, daughter of Mr Henri Mulnier, FRCS and Mrs J Mulnier, of Finchley.

HYDE:LINCOLN - On July 17th, at Richmond, Roy Hyde to Helen Lincoln, both of Kew, Surrey.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

SANDERS:JACKSON - On July 20th, in Ashton-under-Lyne, Dr. Paul Anthony, son of Dr. & Mrs M. Sanders, of Hull to Miss Susan Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Dr. & Mrs W.J. Jackson, of Ashton-under-Lyne.

FORBES JONES:MacKAY - On July 24th 1941 Robert and Edith at Glasgow. Congratulations and love from Chris and Lynda.

DEATHS

BAILEY - On July 22nd, peacefully at home, Captain Oswald Nigel Bailey, O.B.E., Royal Navy, aged 78. Will be sadly missed by all at Lake and his many friends and relations. Family funeral on July 30th at 12 noon at St Michael's Church, Wilsford, followed by a Thanksgiving Service at Amesbury Parish Church at 3 pm. Donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation c/o Burden's F/D, Amesbury, Wiltshire.

BANGOR - On Sunday July 21st, Marjorie Alice, Viscountess Bangor (née Banks). Wife of Eddy and mother of Lalla and Nick. We love you and miss you so much. Funeral private by request. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, London W8, on Friday morning July 26th.

BERWICK - On July 23rd 1991, Joan Maud Hartley, peacefully at home in Richmond. No funeral: at her wish, her body being donated to medical education.

BLANK - On July 21st 1991, peacefully in Tenterden House, St Albans, Deborah Freda, widow of Mr Justice A.L. Blank I.C.S. of the Calcutta High Court. Loved and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. All enquiries to Neville's Funeral Services Ltd., tel: Luton 574902.

COATES - On July 22nd 1991, peacefully at his home in Rington, after a short illness, Raymond Henry (Tiny) aged 85 years. Formerly Director General, Central Electricity Generating Board, South Western Region. Dearly loved husband of Barbara and of the late Muriel. Much loved father of Peter and grandpa to Simon and Rachel. Funeral Service All Saints Church, Rington, on Monday July 29th at 11.30 am, prior to cremation at Canford Crematorium, Bristol at 12.40 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for the Electrical and Electronics Benevolent Association c/o Keith C Britton and Son F/D, 10 High Street, Yatton, Bristol.

COGHLAN - On July 23rd, peacefully at home, Amy Ellen Bridget (Bunnie), the wife of the late Kenneth. Cremation at Chichester Monday July 29th at 12 noon. Funeral Directors Linton's of Midhurst, West Sussex.

DAVIES - On July 19th, Ken, beloved husband of Edna, peacefully at home in Filby, Norfolk, formerly of Somerset Road, Wimbledon and Uganda. Service at Filby Church, Monday July 29th at 11.30 am. Family flowers.

DAVIS - On July 22nd 1991, suddenly at his daughter's residence at Liskeard, Cornwall, Basil George aged 73 years, retired Senior Superintendent of Prisons, Tanganyika 1946-1961, formerly of Coldstream Guards Second Batt., 1936-1945. Funeral Service at Liskeard Parish Church on Wednesday July 31st at 10.45 am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu for The Royal British Legion c/o Barclays Bank, The Parade, Liskeard, Cornwall.

de BURGH - On July 22nd 1991, peacefully at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, after a life of great courage and humour, Hubert (Kit), brother of Patrick and Patricia and father of Rohaise, Simon and Tarquin. Funeral Service at Mortonhall Crematorium Main Chapel, Edinburgh, on Friday July 26th at 11 am to which all friends are invited.

ENVIS - On July 20th, Mrs Jennie Ada Envis. Funeral Service at Methodist Church, Liphook, at 2 pm on Friday 26th. No flowers please but donations to National Childrens' Home, 85 Highbury Park, London N5.

HAYNES - On July 22nd at home, Peggy (née Moore). Beloved wife of Mog, much loved mother of Ian and Jennifer. Funeral Service at Reading Crematorium on Monday July 29th at 2 pm. Flowers may be sent to A.B. Walker & Son Ltd., 36 Eldon Road, Reading.

HEDGES - On July 19th, peacefully at home after courageously fighting a long illness, Philippa (Pippa) Caroline Ann, adored wife of Peter and mother of Natasha and Suki and Luke. Funeral at St James Church, Great Horwood, Bucks., at 2 pm Thursday July 25th. Family flowers only with donations suggested for the Hospice of Our Lady and St John Willen. Donations and enquiries to J.S. Cowley & Son, 71 High Street, Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes, MK11 1BA, (0908) 565353.

HENDERSON - On Tuesday July 23rd at Nuffield Hospital, Glasgow, Harry R.C. Henderson of Minard Cottage, Rhu, son of the late H.T. and Mrs Henderson of Hapland, Helensburgh, and loving brother of Norah. Funeral Service at Rhu Parish Church on Friday July 26th at 12.45 pm, thereafter at Cardross Crematorium.

IRVING GASS - On July 22nd, unexpectedly, Ian Irving Gass M.B.E., aged 69. Much loved husband of Ruth and father of Susan, Frances and Hugh.

JOHNSON - On July 20th, peacefully in hospital, Marjorie (née Barwell). Beloved wife of the late Oscar. Mother of Jennifer and Peter. Funeral at St Bartholomew's Church, Gt. Gransden, 3 pm on Friday July 26th. Family flowers only, but if wished donations can be sent c/o the Rev'd R Watkins-Wright, The Vicarage, Webbs Meadow, Gt. Gransden, Sandy, Beds., for the Restoration Fund of St Bartholomew's Church.

JOHNSTONE - On July 20th, Dr. Martin, MB BS, DIH, CPH, D.Obst RCOG, MRCGP, AFOM. A most excellent physician who dedicated his life to others. He will be greatly missed by his family, many friends and patients. Memorial Service to be announced.

KIRKCALDIE - On July 21st 1991, peacefully at home, aged 82, Jean Rorie Caird, beloved wife of the late Robert Lownie Kirkcaldie and dearly loved mother of Rose, Robert, Hilary and James. Funeral Service at Kilmington Parish Church on Friday July 26th at 11 am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to R.N.L.I. c/o W.G. Potter & Son, 1 West Street, Axminster, or at the service.

KNOX - On July 21st 1991, Anne Jacqueline (Jacq), dear wife of John and mother of Diana, Kitty, Margy and Tom. Funeral at Frensham Church, near Farnham, on Friday July 26th at 3.30 pm.

LINDLEY - On July 23rd at home after a long and courageous fight, Daniel Godwin aged 20 years, of Sellarsbrooke Park, Ganarew, nr. Monmouth, Gwent. Beloved son of Clive and Maureen Lindley, brother of Liberty. Memorial Service at Ganarew Church, nr. Monmouth, Gwent, on Friday July 26th at 3 pm. White flowers, or if desired donations in lieu for the W.G. Grace Ward, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, may be sent to David Stockwell Funeral Directors, Monmouth, Gwent.

LOOSLEY - On July 23rd at home, Stanley George Loosley M.C., M.A., aged 81 years, formerly Headmaster of Wycliffe College, Stonehouse, a very much loved husband, father and grandfather. Private cremation, a memorial service will be held later at the Wycliffe College Chapel.

MAJOR - On July 22nd, at Convent of the Holy Child Jesus, Hastings, Eileen (Sister Mary Consolata) aged 86. Requiem and burial at Mayfield on July 30th, 3pm.

MAYER - On July 23rd 1991, suddenly, Alec, dearly beloved husband of Muriel and much loved father and grandfather. Details of funeral service will be announced later.

O'DONOVAN - On July 22nd 1991, Sean (John), peacefully in hospital, Tremeirchion, St Asaph, Clwyd. (Pipeline Engineering Consultant, formerly of County Cork, Ireland). Sadly missed by family, friends and colleagues. Funeral Service and Interment at Tremeirchion Parish Church, Saturday July 27th at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations kindly accepted towards Macmillan Ward, Denbigh Infirmary, c/o Ivor Howatson & Son Funeral Directors, Ruthin Road, Denbigh, Clwyd, tel: (0745) 812061.

O'MEARA - On July 21st 1991, peacefully at The Cambridge Military Hospital, Brigadier (Retired) Peter Harry Bedford O'Meara C.B.E. late of The Queen's Lancashire Regiment. Beloved husband of Lucy Ann, dear father of Elizabeth, Philippa, Catherine and Margaret and loving grandfather of Joe, Dominic, Veronica and Ellen. Requiem Mass at The Sacred Heart Church, London Road (A30), Sunningdale, Berks., on Tuesday July 30th at 1 pm. Family flowers only. Donations gratefully received for The Intensive Care Unit Appeal, c/o St John & Red Cross Dept., Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot, Hants. Cheques payable to ICU Appeal (CMH). Enquiries to Regimental Headquarters, tel: (0772) 716543 Ex 2426.

PIDGEON - On Sunday July 21st, at home, Guy William Farnell, aged 64, dearly loved husband of Nan and father of Matthew and Mary Anne and Christopher's beloved Grampa. Funeral at St Bartholomew's Church, Spithurst, on Friday July 26th at 2 pm.

REED - On July 21st, Edith Joan (née Harrison), suddenly at home in Seaford. Devoted wife of the late 'Freddie' Reed, mother of Jean Mairi. Cremation on Monday July 29th at 1.45 pm at Eastbourne Crematorium, Hide Hollow.

ROWNTREE - On July 22nd 1991, peacefully at Ellesmere Port Hospital, Professor Sir Norman, of Kelsall, Cheshire. Dear husband of Betty and father of Donald, Richard and Nikki, also a loving grandfather of James, Thomas and William. Family flowers only please. Cremation service at Chester Crematorium, Monday July 29th 1.30 pm.

SCOTT - On July 22nd, peacefully at Crowthorne, aged 95, Barbara Easton, wife of the late Hugh Sumner Scott, of Wellington College. Funeral Service to be held at Crowthorne Parish Church on Monday July 29th at 3 pm followed by private cremation. A Memorial Service at Wellington College Chapel will be arranged later. Family flowers only, donations if desired to R.U.K.B.A. c/o David Greedy F/D, tel: (0344) 773741.

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Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up (Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2436446. Name of company: Fillers Limited. Nature of business: Bakery. Address of registered office: Trevlol House 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex. Type of Liquidation: Creditors. Liquidator: Richard Andrew Segal, Treviot House 186-192 High Road Ilford Essex IG1 1JQ. Office Holder No: 002685. Date of appointment: 15 July 1991. By whom appointed: The Members and Creditors. Date 17 July 1991.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
S & S CONTROLLED AIR SYSTEMS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named company will be held at Ashton House, 403 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes MK9 2AH on for Thursday 8th August 1991 at 2.30 p.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99-101 of the said Act.
Notice is further given that Mr S L Smith A.C.A. of Messrs. Mercer and Hole of 72 London Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 1NS is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the company and during the period before the day on which the meeting is to be held, will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require, pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act.
NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that for the purpose of voting secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge at the said Registered Office of the company before the meeting a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
By Order of the Board of Directors
Dated this 18th day of July 1991
Graham Streadborough
Director

IN THE MATTER OF
CHURCHILL CONTRACT FURNISHING LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 18 September 1991, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and description, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Edward J Wacey, of Buchler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
18 July 1991
E J WACEY
Liquidator

RE: Tom McCabe Enterprises PLC
and
The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ on Tuesday the 20th August 1991, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Segal Davis Rose, Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from 16th August 1991.
Dated this 18th day of July 1991
T McCabe
Director

ROBERT NEWMAN (LONDON) LIMITED
REGISTERED NO: 1190551
Pursuant to Section 46(1) of The Insolvency Act 1986 and Rule 3.2 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 take notice that we, Iain John Allan and Maurice Charles Withall of Grant Thornton, Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, Euston Square, London NW1 2EP were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the above company on 15 July 1991 by National Westminster Bank plc under the terms of a debenture dated 10 January 1985.
Iain John Allan
and Maurice Charles Withall
Joint Administrative Receivers
Dated 15 July 1991

The Insolvency Act 1986
No 374 of 1991
In The High Court of Justice
In Bankruptcy
MARK HAROUNI OF 20 GEORGIAN CLOSE, STANMORE, MIDDLESEX, COMPANY DIRECTOR
I, Raymond Hocking, Certified Accountant of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA and Peter Dunn, Chartered Accountant of Latham Crossley & Davis, 45 Conduit Street, London W1R 9FB give notice that we were appointed trustees in bankruptcy of the above-named on 24 May 1991. All debts and claims should be sent to the Trustees.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts, writing to the Trustees for a claim form. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated this 19th day of July 1991
R HOCKING
Joint Trustee

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106 (1)
PLASTICS DESIGN & MANUFACTURING LIMITED
IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Dermot Brendan Coakley, Chartered Accountant of Leach Bright & Partners, Langton Priory, Portsmouth Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5EH, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 12th July, 1991.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me at the above address.
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Dated this 16th day of July, 1991.
D B Coakley
Liquidator

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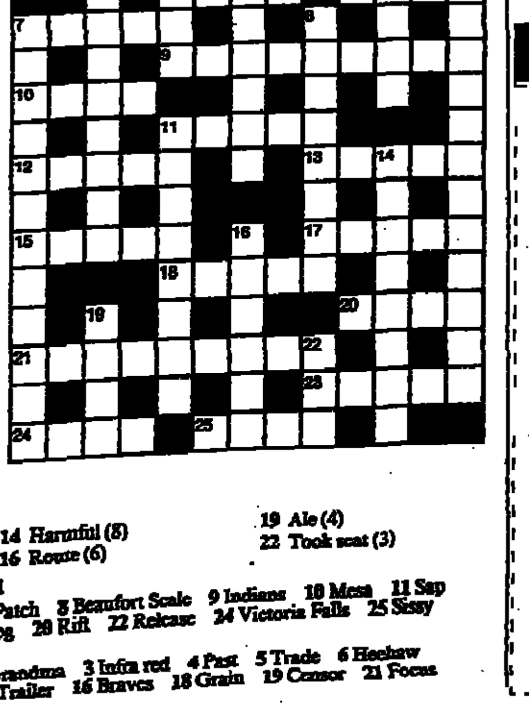

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JULY 24 ON THIS DAY 1948

Marshal Tito's Yugoslavia was not in good odour with Moscow in 1948; while there was seen to be a need to rally round the leader the declaration: "Tito is 16 million Yugoslav people ..." rings a little oddly today.

BELGRADE ATTACK ON BULGARIA

From Our Correspondent

BELGRADE, July 23

Lieutenant-General Svetozar Vukmanovich, who under the *nom de guerre* of Tempo, achieved renown as the Macedonian partisan leader, speaking at the Yugoslav Communist Party congress today, accused the Bulgarian Communist Party of having extreme nationalistic tendencies, and delivered a withering attack on the behaviour of the Bulgarian partisans during the war.

He said that after the collapse of Yugoslavia in 1941 the Bulgarian Communist leadership approved the annexation by Bulgaria of part of Yugoslav Macedonia, and illegally incorporated the Macedonian Communist Party with their own organisation. All the Bulgarian Party's manifestoes, he said, were directed against the Filov Government, and in them no mention was made of liberation from the Fascist occupier.

General Vukmanovich branded as the "worst type of opportunism" the attitude of the Bulgarian Communist leaders during the occupation, when they refused to organise partisan activity in "the woods" and proposed illegal activity only in the towns. This attitude, he said, influenced the Communist leadership of Macedonia and accounted for their failures in 1941. He referred sarcastically to the timidity of the Bulgarian partisans who came over the frontier into Yugoslavia and added: "Four days after the entry of the Red Army into Bulgaria, partisans were found in underground hide-outs."

General Vukmanovich also spoke of the material aid given by the Yugoslav Macedonians to the Greek rebels and said that the central committee of the Yugoslav Communist Party sent to the Albanians, at the latter's request, guerrilla experts who directed the formation of a regular armed unit.

BEWILDERED COMMUNISTS

In an earlier speech Lieutenant-General Bozhidar Maslarich, president of the All-Slav Committee and a Spanish civil war veteran, declared there was support for Marshal Tito in Poland, Czechoslovakia and other "progressive and democratic nations" and also discussed the Yugoslav agricultural policy.

General Maslarich said that he had recently visited Poland and Czechoslovakia and found Communists, and public alike bewildered by the Cominform charges. He was told: "We do not know when our party is telling the truth about Yugoslavia – now or three months ago; but we do not find sufficient reason in the accusations to break off friendly relations." He declared that people in these two countries did not accept the propaganda against Marshal Tito.

"All progressive and democratic countries are united against imperialists and warmongers," General Maslarich continued, "on the principle of national equality and refraining from interference in other countries' internal affairs. All these nations do not approve of this sudden campaign against Yugoslavia, which is to the benefit of the enemy bloc. These people demand a united front in the struggle against the Anglo-American warmongers."

Sustained cheering greeted General Maslarich's final words: "Tito is 16m. Yugoslav people: he is the pride of other nations, too." Earlier General Maslarich said that the conditions which resulted in the collectivisation of land in the Soviet Union did not exist in Yugoslavia, and that the Yugoslavs had, through skilful "propaganda and party agitation," succeeded in getting the peasants to sell their crops to the State and had thus solved the peasant problem in their own way.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

ALICE (12): Woody Allen's comic fantasy about a Manhattan wife in crisis. Loose and flimsy, but with a marvellous Mia Farrow performance.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

◆CINDERELLA (U): Revival of Disney's 1950 cartoon: skilful animation, attractive music, a good sense of character.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

1871 (15): Left-wing history lesson about the Paris Commune, dressed up with song and spectacle by British director Ken McMullen.
ICA (071-930 3647).

IN BED WITH MADONNA (18): Exhilarating, eye-opening portrait, shot during her 1990 world tour. Director, Alek Keshishian.
Cannon Haymarket (071-839 1527) Odeons Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Mezzanine (071-839 1929).

◆ROBIN HOOD, PRINCE OF THIEVES (PG): Splashy epic by Kevin Reynolds with no coherent style, a scene-stealing Sheriff of Nottingham (Alan Rickman), and a miscast star (Kevin Costner).
Barbican (071-638 8891) Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

THE SPIDER'S STRATAGEM (PG): Bertolucci's intricate 1970 adaptation of a Borges story, revived with his second feature, *Before the Revolution*.
Electric (071-792-2020).

WHORE (18): Pages from a prostitute's life, wholly unedifying, though director Ken Russell shows unexpected restraint. Starring Theresa Russell.
Cannons Oxford Street (071-630 0310) Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Prince Charles (071-437 8181).

CURRENT

ANDREI RUBLEV (12): Tarkovsky's stunning fresco, completed in 1966, of an icon painter's life in medieval Russia.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

LA GLOIRE DE MON PERE (U): Episodic gallop through Marcel Pagnol's childhood memories — decent, nostalgic, but excessively warm-hearted. Director, Yves Robert.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

THE HAIRDRESSER'S HUSBAND (15): A slim tale of romantic obsession, mesmerisingly told by the director of *Monsieur Hire*, Patrice Leconte. With Jean Rochefort, Anna Galiena.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) Metro (071-437 0757).

HENRY: PORTRAIT OF A SERIAL KILLER (18): Devastating, fly-on-the-wall study of human depravity in Chicago. Director, John McNaughton.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Gate (071-727 4043) Metro (071-437 0757).

◆ HUDSON HAWK (15): Cat-burglar Bruce Willis gets drawn into a plan to conquer the world. Profligate, dismal action-comedy with a low IQ. Director, Michael Lehmann.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

◆ KILL ME AGAIN (18): Bad girl Joanne Whalley-Kilmer lures seedy private eye into a web of deceit. Enjoyable film noir homage by John Dahl, with Val Kilmer.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527).

◆ MISERY (18): Oscar-winner Kathy Bates as the number one fan tormenting a best-selling novelist (James Caan). Sprightly thriller from Stephen King's novel; director, Rob Reiner.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

◆ THE NAKED GUN 2½ — THE SMELL OF FEAR (12): Leslie Nielsen returns as accident-prone Lt Frank Drebin. Riotous dead-pan comedy. With Priscilla Presley; director, David Zucker.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

NOT WITHOUT MY DAUGHTER (12): Sally Field as an all-American wife trying to escape the Ayatollah's Iran. Earnest drama, peopled by puppets. With Alfred Molina; director, Brian Gilbert.
Plaza (071-497 9999).

RIFF-RAFF (15): Marvellous, scruffy "slice of life" portrait of a building-site crew from director Ken Loach.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

◆ THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS (18): Jodie Foster's FBI trainee confronts Anthony Hopkins, evil incarnate. Intense, highly polished, and repellent thriller from Jonathan Demme.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ THELMA & LOUISE (15): Distaff road movie with Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon fleeing through the American South-West. Bracing adventure from director Ridley Scott.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

WHERE ANGELS FEAR TO TREAD (PG): E.M. Forster novel about the English abroad; amusing, pretty, but unsatisfactory. Starring Helena Bonham Carter and Rupert Graves. Directed by Charles Sturridge.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Panton Street (071-930 0631) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
☒ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☒ **BROADWAY BOUND:** Sublime playing by Anna Massey in part three of Neil Simon's ongoing life story.
Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, London SE10 (081-858 7755), Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mat Sat 2.30pm.

■ **BLACK SNOW:** Robin Bailey a sublimely funny Stanislavsky figure in Bulgakov's tart Moscow comedy.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats today, Sat, 2.30pm. 145mins.

☐ **THE CARETAKER:** Donald Pleasence in Pinter's classic tussle between a tramp and two brothers.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☐ **CARMEN JONES:** Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

■ **COMEDY OF ERRORS:** Desmond Barrit plays both twins in high-spirited production, part Disney part Dali.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm.

☐ **DANCING AT LUGHNASA:** Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

■ **DEATH AND THE MAIDEN:** Juliet Stevenson, Michael Byrne, Bill Paterson superb in Chilean political drama.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1, (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins.

☐ **DICKENS' WOMEN:** Spirited, skilful tour of the funny, the fey and the gargoyles by Miriam Margolyes.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats 4pm, Sun, 3pm. 120mins.

☐ **DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER:** Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard farce.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

■ **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT:** Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☐ **LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT:** Timothy West, Prunella Scales in sound production of O'Neill's masterpiece of family guilt.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm. 200mins.

☐ **MADAME DE SADE:** Yukio Mishima invents a wordy discussion on morality for de Sade's women. Heavy going.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1, (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. 155mins.

☐ **MATADOR:** The rise of The Boy from Nowhere: great dancing and sets but a weak second half. Final week.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Today-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats today, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. 150mins.

☐ **THE MISER:** Charles Kay, Eleanor Bron in needlessly dour production by Steven Pimlott.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. 165mins.

☐ **NUTMEG AND GINGER:** Gentle Julian Slade musical from a Jacobean comedy about a star-struck apprentice.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

☐ **THE PHILANTHROPIST:** Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☐ **THE ROSE TATTOO:** Julie Walters in Tennessee Williams's heated but joyful celebration of sex.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

☐ **70, GIRLS, 70:** Irresistible Dora Bryan leads the cast of apparent 70-year-olds in a genial Kander & Ebb musical.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins.

☐ **SEX PLEASE, WE'RE ITALIAN:** Even the presence of Helen Mirren cannot rescue Tom Kempinski's bloodless farce.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

☐ **SILLY COW:** Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred on Helen Atkinson-Wood as a tabloid journo.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

☐ **SPUNK:** Six performers from New York strut their stuff in three over-directed playlets.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

☐ **THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE NEXT GENERATION:** Cult stage version of cult television show performed by two actors wearing spaceship hats.
Mermaid Theatre, Queen Victoria Street, EC4 (071-410 0000). Mon-Thurs, 8.30pm, Fri, Sat, 7.30pm and 9.30pm.

■ **TROILUS AND CRESSIDA:** Top-quality production by Sam Mendes of the bard's caustic vision of love and war.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 210mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). . . ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ☒ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) ☒ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☒ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre

TODAY'S EVENTS

PROMS: With the American pianist Jeffrey Kahane playing in Bernstein's Symphony No 2 ("The Age of Anxiety") under his compatriot Andrew Litton, and with Gershwin also on the programme, the evening has something of a transatlantic accent. The Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, making its only appearance this season, also plays Sibelius's Symphony No 2.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823 9998), 7.30pm.

RESURRECTION SYMPHONY: Thought to be the first performance of Mahler in St Paul's and an appropriate work for the setting. Eliahu Inbal conducts the Philharmonia and Chorus with Jane Eaglen, soprano, and Alfreda Hodgson, mezzo. Part of the City of London Festival.
St Paul's Cathedral, London EC4 (tickets 071-248 4260), 8pm.

ATTILA: Elijah Moshinsky's production of Verdi's barbarous opera, successfully staged at the Royal Opera earlier this season, returns for its final two performances this week (today and Friday). Tonight Bareeg Tumanyan plays Attila, with Karen Huffstodt as Odabella, Dennis O'Neill as Foresto, Vladimir Chernov as Ezio, Ramon Remedios as Uldino and John Tranter as Pope Leo. Mark Ermler conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 6pm.

ALEXANDER NEVSKY: The complete Eisenstein film with Prokofiev's music performed live by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Yuri Temirkanov and the Brighton Festival Chorus. The huge screen and matching sound should have a thunderous impact. Mezzo Christine Cairns is the soloist.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

THE BOYS FROM SYRACUSE: Opening night of Rodgers and Hart's musical written in 1938, based on Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors* and including songs such as "Falling in Love with Love". Judi Dench directs Peter Woodward, Bill Homewood, Richard O'Callaghan and Gavin Muir.
Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, London NW1 (071-486 2431), 8pm.

AMBROISE VOLLARD: A remarkable show devoted to the period from 1895 to 1913 when Vollard was the great impresario of the colour lithograph in France. As a dealer he was responsible for publishing prints of artists such as Vuillard, Bonnard and Maurice Denis, as well as such established names as Renoir, Lautrec and Cézanne. Few of the exhibits are less than superlative. Ends Friday.
Agnew's, Old Bond Street, London W1 (071-629 4369), 9.30am-5.30pm.

MORRISSEY: To judge by his recent London debut as a solo artist, the exotic former Smith is giving one of the year's more gripping shows. Much of the material is a pastiche of Fifties rockabilly, a style from which his new single "Pregnant for the Last Time" has naturally evolved.
Liverpool Empire, Lime Street, Liverpool (051-709 3514), 7.30pm.

CANDY DULFER AND JASON REBELLO: The Dutch saxophonist returns to London with her band Funky Stuff. Jazz pianist Rebello supports.
Town and Country, Highgate Road, London NW5 (071-284 1221), 7.30pm.

Tale in need of shearing

THEATRE

Dead Sheep
Bush

THIS is like one of those well-meant camping trips on which everything goes wrong. The matches are too damp to light the stove. There are glutinous leeches in the nice, cool stream. The corned beef disappears into the water. People start quarrelling with each other. And just to cap it all, a glum young woman called Holly celebrates her arrival on a mountain top by taking a deep, deliberate breath and jumping off a crag to her death.

One of several things amiss with Catherine Johnson's new play is that this climactic suicide hits the audience about as hard as the loss of a tin-opener or the collapse of a tent. Katrin Cartlidge does all she can with the character, a "recovering" drug addict who blames herself for her husband's death from a heroin overdose. Gwen Taylor and Kate Hardie are no less competent as the two alcoholic women accompanying her: downright, grumpy Eve and shrill, flustered Zoe. Yet none of the characters begins to make the leap from two dimensions into three. Johnson's creative physics is just not strong enough.

That is not to say the play is dull. The sheer improbability of these city convalescents in the Brecon Beacons — Zoe skittering along in her ski-pants, Eve doggedly puffing at a fag — guarantees the odd good laugh. Also, Johnson successfully communicates her amusement at the so-called SAS man who appears out of the mist to lead them up their mountain. "This is about survival, teamwork, support," he self-importantly barks, muscles rippling below the scrubbed skull and beneath the khaki vest. As Gary Love expertly plays him, he is every skinhead's macho fantasy of himself.

MARILYN KINGWILL

Two-dimensional characters: Kate Hardie as the grumpy Eve (left), with Jon Key and Gwen Taylor

But the other male on show, warden of the addiction unit where these women live, turns out to be a lamentable burlesque of the sanctimonious do-gooder. In Jon Key's performance, he is the Mr Slope of the slopes, never without an evangelical axiom or slimy, priggish prayer. His reaction to Holly's death is to insist that it must be suicide and, when Eve demurs, to start denouncing her as the anti-Christ. "Get thee behind me, Satan," he is still maniacally yelling as the stage goes black and Mike Bradwell's cast prepares to take its bows.

What on earth is Catherine Johnson on about? Is her purpose in sending these women on their restorative trek to denounce religious fanaticism? Or what? There is something uncertain, unthought-out and unfinished about the evening as a whole; but at least Geoff Rose has designed a nice, realistic set for it to be uncertain and unfinished in, a blend of turf, rock and rivulet that fits neatly onto the Bush's tiny stage. You can smell the grass as you come in. Those suffering from hayfever should consider staying away — as, perhaps, should those suffering from high standards.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

MUSICAL

West Side Story
SECC, Glasgow

LIKE all such barns, the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre was designed to be all things to all men and ended up as nothing in particular. It is certainly not a theatre, from the *ad hoc* counters where one queues for British Rail-type sandwiches to the unatmospheric hangar containing the functional stage, currently rigged up for a touring production of Leonard Bernstein's greatest stage success.

Planted in unsuitable press places in the middle of unraked seating, a row of critics, yours included, strained and craned to see more than a third of the stage at any one time. After the interval this attempt to sabotage the media's free comment was remedied.

This American-manned revival has been touring Europe since its launch at the Staatsoper, in what was once East Berlin, last November. Musically it is surprisingly fresh: trim, accurate playing from the small band (unmentioned in the inadequate programme), steady singing from unspoilt young voices. It reminds us of what a marvellous musical Bernstein made for his New York *Romeo and Juliet*. This must be his stage masterpiece, not the eclectic, fitfully brilliant and ramshackle *Candide*.

Alan Johnson has reproduced the original direction and choreography of Jerome Robbins. It still works best in the dance idiom of the rival gangs: a mixture of compact, coiled energy and the exuberance of warriors revelling in territorial supremacy. But these lithe teenagers — the odd ponytailed girl, the Buddy Holly lookalike — seem desperately innocuous to our post-punk eyes. Their councils of war, formal challenges and comic-strip cries of "*Pow!*" are endearing but hardly a framework for tragedy. In retrospect they look like antiseptic bobby-soxers, their rebellion subsumed into Eisenhower-era blandness. It takes the racist cop — "I've got the badge, you've got the skin" — to jolt us into alarm.

This general lack of menace is compounded by Arthur Laurents's book with its unelided phoney-sounding Puerto Rican English, some of which sounds twee and patronising. More urgency, too, could add bite to the playing, from the racing-cross-rhythm pulses in "Something's Coming" to the melodic surge of "Tonight". The young Stephen Sondheim's lyrics are back unexpurgated, without the coy changes they suffered in the film, clearly projected by a sound system that dehumanises both speech and song.

In the young cast, Kelly Woodruss's Riff stands out in his gang exhortations ("When you're a Jet", "Cool") and Jackie Lowe's Anita is standard issue Chita Rivera. Scott Carollo is a convincing, ordinary-looking Tony whose free, light tenor lapses into falsetto only at the end of "Maria".

MARTIN HOYLE

DANCE

Royal Ballet School
Covent Garden

JUST as the Royal Ballet was completing its New York season, the Royal Ballet School gave its annual matinee at Covent Garden. Across the Atlantic, the company has been this summer's only real success at the Metropolitan Opera House, filling seats that remained empty during visits by the Bolshoi Opera and American Ballet Theatre. A large part in that success was played by the young generation of dancers, so it is encouraging to see that the supply of highly promising new entrants continues unabated with the latest batch of graduates.

Two of the best of Saturday's debutantes are already signed up with Birmingham Royal Ballet. David Dawson has a springy jump, an excellent musical sense and an attractively no-nonsense manliness. He led a performance of *Les Sylphides*, which compared favourably with many I have seen on this stage from experienced professional casts, and also danced the ebullient "Friday Night" solo in *Elite Syncopations*.

The confident leading woman in *Elite*, and a new Mozart ballet by David Bintley, was Monica Zamora, another recruit for Birmingham, where her assured manner, dark eyes and big smile are guaranteed to make her an audience favourite.

The young dancers already signed for Covent Garden include Jane Burn and Christopher Wheeldon, who danced with speed, lightness, spirit and style in another work new to this house, Balanchine's *Valse Fantaisie* to Glinka's music: a little showpiece for two principals and four supporting women, staged by Nanette Glushak. This would be worth showing again on special occasions; the Bintley work ought probably to go into the repertoire of one or other Royal Ballet company, provided that they can find four small children to take part in an attractive echo dance.

Bintley calls it *Les Petits Riens*, although he has used only parts of that score and added sections from the Serenade in D, K185. He dedicates the ballet to Frederick Ashton but his structure looks more influenced by Balanchine. It is pleasing to see that his invention of solos and group dances, especially for the men, looks livelier and freer than for some time.

A word of praise is due to the Covent Garden orchestra for assured accounts of Chopin, Mozart and Glinka under the direction of Philip Ellis, direct from his success at the Leeds competition.

JOHN PERCIVAL

ROCK

Kraftwerk
Brixton Academy

FOLLOWING this year's release of a remix album, a greatest hits by any other name, Kraftwerk fans have been forced to ask themselves whether this profoundly influential band has been overtaken by the competition.

For over 20 years, popular electronic music has been steered from a clandestine studio in Dusseldorf; has technology finally outpaced the technocrats? Only a live concert could supply the definitive answer.

Shortly after 8pm, normally a time reserved for mediocre support bands, the curtains parted to reveal the flight deck of Starship Enterprise. This was no gaudy American model, however. This was a tasteful, muted starship as seen through German or Japanese eyes. For each song, four video screens flashed with synchronised images: numbers for "Numbers" or lyrics like "numbers, money, people, time, entertainment" for "Computer Word". An errant "medecine" during the latter sequence suggested that the spell-check software was out of commission, but perhaps this was a joke.

Jokes were everywhere, delivered in a deadpan celebration of technological Utopia, a deadly efficient parody of Germanic efficiency. For "Autobahn" the screens displayed grainy black-and-white films of a golden dawn of motorway driving when roads were clear and families made picnics to break their journeys. "In the air for you and me," Ralf Hatter sang with cheery optimism during "Radioactivity", while "Tschernobyl, Harrisburg, Sellafield, and Hiroshima" blinked behind him.

Songs such as "The Model" and "Computer Love" demonstrated the group's mastery of pop structure and sentiment, but it was the relentless march of the more linear compositions which really impressed. "Music Non Stop" and, particularly, "Trans Europe Express" had a churning forward motion that unfolded in passages of exquisite invention and emotional power. This was the pre-war Italian futurist dream of Marinetti, minus its fascism, as played by post-war Germans raised on electric train sets.

During three encores Kraftwerk lowered the screens to reveal their rather cute robots, played amplified calculators at the front of the stage, and proved that some of the instruments were actually being played in real time. Imitators may have outflanked Kraftwerk on record, but on stage the group remains unchallenged.

DAVID TOOP

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WORD-WATCHING

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PRATT KNOT
(c) A type of knot for a tie, in which the seams face outwards at the beginning of the knotting process, the first new knot for men for 50 years. The name casts no aspersions on potential users, but commemorates Mr Jerry Pratt of Minnesota, who first tied it.

CUBICA
(b) A very fine unglazed worsted for linings, from the Spanish word: "Cubica is chiefly exported to Catholic countries to be made into gowns for the ecclesiastics and several orders of Friars."

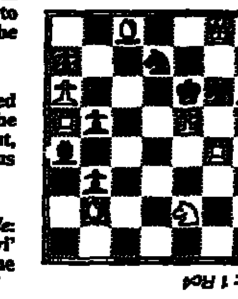
ESCOLAR
(a) An Atlantic and Southern fish of spectacled appearance, from the Spanish for scholar: "The catch was chiefly cod, with the occasional halibut, and escolar, looking like an indignant Regius Professor of Greek."

KEBBIE
(c) A staff or stick with a hooked head, *cf. kibble*: "Ane of them was gaun to strike my mither wi' the side o' his broadsword — So I gut up me kebbie at them, and would give them as gude."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's problem is a composition by W. Meiners: White to play and mate in two moves. This sounds easy, but the solution here is well hidden. You need only find the first move of the solution.



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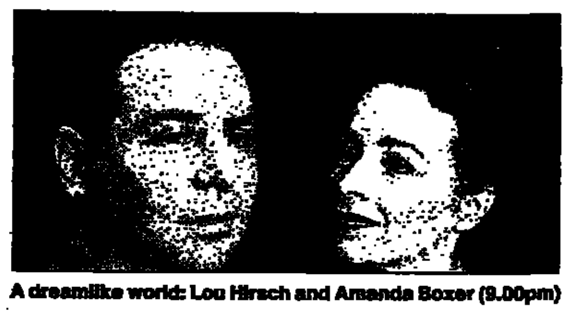
9.05 Around the World with Willy Fog. Animated serial (r) **9.25 Why Don't You . . ?** Entertaining ideas for young people at a loose end (r)
10.00 News, regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays** (r) **10.30 Muppet Babies.** The young cartoon puppets learn about democracy (r)
11.00 News, regional news and weather **11.05 Our House.** American comedy drama series **11.55 Travel Show UK Mini Guides.** What every holidaymaker should know about the Malvern Hills (r)
12.00 News, regional news and weather **12.05 The Garden Party.** Video and film reviews and previews, and the first of a series of reports about ethnic communities in Britain. Wales: The Royal Welsh 1991 **12.55 Regional News** and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) **1.50 The Best of Collecting Now.** Harriet Crawley runs her eye over war memorabilia and Victorian food packaging (r)
2.20 Knots Landing. Glossy American spin-off soap from the *Dallas* saga **3.10 Jim Fixed It.** Jim rattles his way through another batch of favourites, including helping Peter Cushing have a rose named after his late wife. (Ceefax) Wales: The Royal Welsh 1991
3.45 Cartoon. *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, with the voice of Vincent Price (r) **4.10 Rupert.** Cartoon (r) **4.15 Yogi's Treasure Hunt.** Cartoon (r) **4.35 Expo: Holmenkollen Ski Museum.** The famous museum under the Oslo ski jump where a history of skiing is on permanent display. (Ceefax)
5.00 Newsround 5.10 The Bartons. Episode five of the 11-part children's drama serial (r)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. The celebrations to mark the 1,000th edition of the chat show spill over into the 1,001st, the last programme to be broadcast from the BBC television theatre on Shepherd's Bush Green. Helping him to look back at some of the shows that have been recorded in the theatre are Dame Vera Lynn, Val Doonican, Esther Rantzen, *Lulu* and Charlie Drake
8.00 Bergerac: Entente Cordiale. A season of summer repeats starts with the Jersey-based detective making for Provence, where he investigates the murder of a French private detective in Charlie Hungerford's study. Starring John Nettles and Terence Alexander (r). (Ceefax)
8.50 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative party
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather

Cast in the role of villain: a police reconstruction (9.30pm)

9.30 Crimewatch File: Operation Trigger.
● CHOICE: A spin-off from the *Crimewatch* series reconstructs the successful police operation against a gang of armed robbers whose activities were first picked up on the Isle of Wight and later found to extend to large areas of the mainland. With police officers and witnesses playing themselves, and actors cast as villains, the dramatic quality is uneven, though the amateur thespians are on the whole more convincing. There is one curious hiccough to the story, when the No 1 suspect is not only released on bail but then proceeds to jump it. Otherwise the investigation proceeds with a smoothness and efficiency rarely found even in fictional cop shows. Devotees of television police drama may also be struck by the extraordinary politeness of these real detectives when compared with the rough-arm tactics employed by the likes of DI Burnside from *The Bill*. (Ceefax)
10.10 Film: The Watch Commander (1988). Straightforward made-for-television film about a policeman who is torn between devotion to the men he sends out on the streets and his long-suffering wife. When a series of vicious singles bar killings are reported he must make the choice between family and career once and for all. Starring Jack Warden and Bonnie Bartlett, directed by Neil T. Maffeo
11.45 Weather. Wales: News headlines and weather

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Data Models and Data Bases — Inside SQL **7.10** Energy Resources — Coal. Ends at **7.35**.
8.00 News 8.15 Westminster
9.00 Catchword. Paul Coia's word game (r)
9.30 Film: The Three Musketeers (1948). Stylish and vigorous telling of the classic adventure tale, with Gene Kelly, Lana Turner, Angela Lansbury and Vincent Price. Directed by George Sidney
11.30 Velsheda. The story of Terry Brabent's four year struggle to salvage a J class yacht **12.05 Country File** (r)
12.30 Discoveries: The Grime's Graves Experiment. Was the system of tunnels found beneath Norfolk's breckland dug by "professional miners" 4,000 years ago? (r) **1.20 Mr Benn** (r)
1.35 Tennis: The Federation Cup. Britain is staging the premier women's team event for the first time since 1977. Barry Davies presents the action from the City of Nottingham Tennis Centre with commentary by Dan Maskell, Virginia Wade, Christine Janes, Bill Threlfall and Paul Hutchins. Includes news and weather at **2.00, 3.00** and **3.50**
6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Updated version of the classic sci-fi romp. Data must save a child stranded on a doomed planet but time is running out. (Ceefax)
6.45 DEF II begins with **Rough Guides to Careers**. A look at jobs in the environmental sector (r) **7.25 Animation Now**. *Time Out* — a tale of a time-obsessed moggy
7.35 Baby Alex.
● CHOICE: Peter Lowe's film about a baby born with a rare heart defect was originally transmitted last year, but as a regional programme in the southeast. It won an award from the Royal Television Society and now gets a deserved showing countrywide. The case of baby Alexander is unique in Europe and probably in the world. A scan picked up the trouble even before he was born, leaving his parents, Janet and Peter Kingsley from Kent, the agonising decision of whether to terminate the pregnancy or take a chance with a long and complex operation within two days of the birth. The open-heart surgery was performed at Harefield Hospital by the transplant pioneer, Professor Magdi Yacoub. The baby's heart was the size of a strawberry and his arteries measured only one millimetre across. But this is a human story as well as a medical documentary, and one told with skill and sympathy
8.05 Reaching for the Skies: Bombers. The history of flying looks at aviation's loss of innocence when the machines were first used for war. It took only eight years from the Wright brothers' first venture off the ground for someone to try dropping a bomb out of a plane. By the Spanish civil war the *Luftwaffe* was perfecting the technique of killing from above, and the Americans went one better with the *Enola Gay*. Sir Anthony Quayle narrates (r). (Ceefax)



A dreamlike world: Lou Hirsch and Amanda Boxer (9.00pm)

9.00 ScreenPlay: The Fall Out Guy.
● CHOICE: John Random's film, winner of the *Radio Times* drama award, is a stylish tragi-comedy about the betrayal of United States nuclear secrets to the Soviet Union. At least that is what it purports to be, for the intriguing aspect of the piece is that we never quite know whether the central character, Raymond Gold, is telling the truth. This Walter Mittyish figure (splendidly played by Lou Hirsh) is a plump and amiable chemical engineer from Philadelphia, on the edge of middle age but still living with his parents. Random's screenplay has him recruited to the Soviet spy network, where his main contact turns out to be Klaus Fuchs, proposing marriage to a sceptical girl friend (Amanda Boxer) and getting unwelcome attention from the FBI. The air of unreality is underlined by a dreamlike, studio-created landscape of street corners, diners and shabby hotel rooms. (Ceefax)
10.00 Screenplay Firsts: That Burning Question. When a rejected lover threatens to set fire to himself, a young couple take the subway to the outskirts of New York to watch what happens. With Lee Barrett and Kate Lanier
10.30 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative party
10.40 Newsnight presented by Jeremy Paxman
11.25 Push the Boat Out. Aly Bain presents the Celtic music series from the Renfrew ferry. Among tonight's guests are Irish singer Mary Black, Scottish singer/songwriter Carol Laula and the French-Canadian multi-instrumentalist Daniel Lapp **12.05am Weather**
12.10 Open University: Literature in the Modern Word. Ends at **12.40**

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Inspector Gadget. (r) **9.50 Thames News** and weather
9.55 Film: Ride a Wild Pony (1975). Part two of the Disney adventure set in Thirlies Australia. Directed by Don Chaffey
10.50 News and weather **10.55 Good Morning, Miss Bliss.** American school drama starring Hayley Mills **11.25 Ox Tales 11.55 Thames News** headlines
12.00 Cartoon. Goofy in *Tiger Trouble* **12.10 Allsorts** (r)
12.30 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather **1.10 Thames News** and weather
1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) **1.50 A Country Practice**
2.20 Take the High Road 2.50 All Clued Up. Game show
3.15 ITN News headlines **3.20 Thames News** headlines **3.25 The Young Doctors.** Australian medical drama
3.55 The Wombles. (Oracle) **4.05 Bangers and Mash** (r) **4.15 I Can Do That!** Bruno Brookes presents a series of competitions and quizzes (r) **4.40 Rolf's Cartoon Club** (r)
5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers
5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with news of the Family Reunion Now campaign
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) **6.30 Thames News**
7.00 Busman's Holiday presented by Sarah Kennedy. Sports centre managers, booksellers and composers compete for a chance to see their job in operation in another country. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 Highway to Heaven. The first in a new series of adventures starring the late Michael Landon as a probationary angel on Earth to earn his wings. Tonight he comes to the aid of Mark (Victor French) who, while driving home on a rainy night, accidentally hits a small boy who darts in front of his car. At the hospital and quite distraught, Mark strikes a bargain with the mysterious Dr Stone (Anthony Zerbe) to give anything to save the boy
9.00 James Randi Investigates. James Randi, magician, psychic researcher and sceptic investigates the paranormal by challenging mediums to prove their powers. This week he is helped by Stephen Fry, Hugh Laurie, Jilly Cooper, Nina Myskow and a number of professional astrologers
9.30 Singles. Smoothly crafted romantic comedy starring Eamon Boland, Susie Blake, Judy Loe and Simon Cadell
10.00 Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative party
10.10 News with Alastair Stewart and Trevor McDonald (Oracle). Weather **10.40 Thames News** and weather

Ritual of adult initiation: the younger Mursi of Ethiopia (10.50pm)

10.50 Disappearing World: The Mursi — Nitha.
● CHOICE: The concluding film of Leslie Woodhead's two-part study of the Mursi people of Ethiopia finally brings us the nitha ceremony which was extensively trailered last week. The build-up was so strong that the event itself proves to be something of an anti-climax, partly because it is the first one for 30 years and no one can remember the rules. The upshot is that what should have been the solemn ritual of initiating the younger Mursi into adulthood descends into near farce, as a cow due for sacrifice goes missing and the participants wait for someone to impose order. But the dignity of the 79-year-old elder finally prevails and the camera goes on to capture a rare moment of celebration for a tribe that spends much of its time struggling to survive drought, hunger and war. (Oracle)
11.50 Sidney Sheldon's Rage of Angels. Part two of the vacuous mini-series about a young woman lawyer who arrives in New York determined to succeed. Starring Jaclyn Smith (r)
1.40 The Twilight Zone: Red Snow. George Dzunda stars as a Russian KGB officer sent to Siberia to investigate the mysterious murders of several party officials. With Barry Miller
2.15 Videofashion. The latest news from the world of high fashion
2.40 America's Top Ten presented by Tommy Puett and Casey Kasem
3.10 Quiz Night. The pub and club quiz show, hosted by Martin Roberts
3.40 The New Sessions with Manchester band World of Twist
4.10 Windsurf! Sporting action **4.40 Fifty Years On** (b/w)
5.00 Grand Ole Opry. Country music from Nashville, Tennessee
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Film: Snowbound (1948, b/w). Strongly cast but dramatically thin adaptation of the Hammond Innes novel *The Lonely Skier*. Film extra Neil Blair (Dennis Price) accepts an offer from his second world war commanding officer (Robert Newton), now a film-maker, to go on assignment as a screenwriter on a picture set in the Alps. However on his arrival at the isolated ski-hut, it becomes clear that the other guests are not there for the scenery. There is an early appearance by a youthful Herbert Lom (Chief Inspector Dreyfus in the *Pink Panther* films). Directed by David MacDonald
11.00 As It Happens. Paddy Haycocks continues to enjoy the various activities of Cowes Week (r)
12.00 The Parliament Programme 12.30 Business Daily
1.00 Sesame Street. Entertaining pre-school educational series (r)
2.00 Gallery. The discursive arts quiz hosted by George Melly. Today's guests are Glynn Williams, Anne Lydiat, Andrew Brown and James Birch (r)
2.30 Film: High Barbaree (1947, b/w). Tepid romantic fantasy teaming Van Johnson with June Allyson. Bomber pilot Johnson and his injured navigator (Cameron Mitchell) are the only survivors when their aircraft is shot down during the second world war. Adrift in the Atlantic, Johnson tells Mitchell his life story. Directed by Jack Conway
4.10 Lancashire Coast. A British Rail short from 1957
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game hosted by Richard Whiteley
5.00 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon adventures with Stan and Ollie
5.05 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The audience debates the pros and cons of wearing make-up and power-dressing. Among the guests are Terri Fischette, an air stewardess recently fired for refusing to wear make-up, and Naomi Wolf, author of *The Beauty Myth*
6.00 A Different World. Award-winning American sitcom set on a college campus
6.30 Tour de France. Stage 18 — Bourg d'Oisans to Morzine, a distance of 249km
7.00 Channel 4 News presented by Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext). Weather
7.50 Party Political Comment from a Scottish National Party politician
8.00 Brookside. Suburban Merseyside soap (Teletext)
8.30 Check Out '91. Includes a close examination of what the government's citizen's charter may mean to four typical citizens; and a Shepherd's Bush mother voices fears for her children's health, threatened by diesel fumes from lorries and buses
9.00 Out. The magazine programme devoted to gay and lesbian issues presents a repeat of *Women Like Us*, in which 16 older lesbians from widely differing backgrounds — all over 50 and some in their eighties — talk about their lives. There are tales of marriage through social pressure, self-discovery late in life and war-time romance. A valuable social document (r)
10.00 The Golden Girls. Sparkling sitcom about four matrons sharing a Miami house. Tempers become strained as three of the quartet go down with flu (r). (Teletext)
10.30 The New Statesman: Profit of Boom. Repeat of the third comedy series about the loathsome far right Tory MP Alan B'Stard (Rik Mayall). Alan is determined to spread the gospel of the free market throughout the Soviet Union, unaware of the possible implications of his actions (r). (Teletext)
11.00 Just for Laughs. At the Montreal Comedy Festival, Muriel Gray and Jimmy Mulville try to work out why anybody should want to get up on a stage and try to make people laugh. With contributions from Jeff Rothpan and Bill Hicks

Leader of the space cartel: Peter Bongartz, top (11.30pm)

11.30 Mission Eureka: Reaching for the Stars. A new, seven-part space project drama about a group of European scientists who form the cartel Eureka. A space shuttle designed to carry up building materials for a space station and, en route, repair the super-satellite Palladio, prepares for lift-off. However, project leader Thomas Altenburg (Peter Bongartz) is concerned about recent tests which suggest the shuttle may not be ready. The series was funded by the European Co-Production Association. With Delia Boccardo and Patrick Fierry
1.15am Tour De France. A repeat of the programme shown at 6.30. Ends at 1.45

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Anglia News 8.00-9.00 Island Son 11.50 World Student Games 12.50 Quiz Night 1.20 America's Top Ten 1.50 Beware of Pity 3.45 Raw Power 4.45 Fifty Years On 5.05-5.30 Farming Diary

BORDER
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 One to One 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Wednesday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 8.00-9.00 Island Son 11.50 North and South 1.40 Donahue 2.30 Video View 3.00 60 Minutes 3.55-5.30 Film: One Night at the Music Hall

CENTRAL
As London except: 6.25-7.00 Central News 8.00-9.00 Magnum 11.50 In the Heat of the Night 12.45 Film: The Jokers (Michael Crawford, Oliver Reed) 2.30 Stand Up 3.00 60 Minutes 3.55 Pick of the Week 4.30-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA
As London except: 6.30pm-7.00 Granada Tonight 8.00-9.00 Magnum 11.50 North and South 1.40 Donahue 2.30 Video View 3.00 60 Minutes 3.55-5.30 Film: One Night at the Music Hall (Eddie Constantine, Zizi Genmaire, Nadia Gray)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 8.00-9.00 Island Son

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six

SCOTTISH
As London except: 1.50pm Blockbusters 2.20-2.50 The Sullivans 3.25-3.55 Kitchen Garden 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Glaschu 8.00-9.00 Matlock 11.50 Film: The House 1.30 Space 2.30 Look in the Mirror 3.25 Film: Somewhere Beyond Love 5.25-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW
As London except: 1.50pm A Country Practice 2.20-2.50 Graham Kerr 3.20-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.50 North and South 1.40am Donahue 2.30 Video View 3.00 60 Minutes 3.55-5.30 Film: One Night at the Music Hall

TVS
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 8.00-9.00 Magnum 1.40 Screaming Women 2.15 Donahue 3.10 Kojak 4.05 The Silk Road 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 On the Wild Side 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 8.00-9.00 Island Son 11.50 North and South 1.40 Donahue 2.30 Video View 3.00 60 Minutes 3.55-5.30 Film: One Night at the Music Hall

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 3.25-3.55 Who's The Boss? 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 8.00-9.00 The Equalizer 11.50 North and South 1.40 Donahue 2.30 Video View 3.00 60 Minutes 3.55-5.30 Film: One Night at the Music Hall

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 8.00-9.00 Island Son 11.50 World Student Games 12.50am The Equalizer 1.45 William Tell 2.15 Quiz Night 2.45 The New Sessions 3.15 Comedy Tonight 3.40 Music Box 4.408-5.30 Jobfinder

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Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Sbectel 9.30 Y Smyrfs 9.55 Sesame Street 10.55 Film: Rain or Shine" 12.30 Newyddion 12.35 Pursuit of Power 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Go Fishing 2.30 Film: High Barbaree" 4.10 Lancashire Coast 4.30 Dennis 4.45 Kate and Allie 5.15 Brookside 5.45 Heno 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Now You're Talking 7.00 Hel Straeon 7.30 Y Sioe Fawr 8.00 Tour de France 1991 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Film: Backlash 10.30 The Best of the Paul Hogan Show 11.00 The New Statesman 11.30 Out 12.30 Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 3.00pm News followed by Daughters of the Country 4.00 News followed by Emmerdale 4.30 Against the Wind 5.20 Quasquao 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 6.30 Sniffles the Mouse 6.35 Great Expectations 7.35 Flight Over Spain 8.00 Life Goes On 9.00 News 9.20 Echoes 10.20 Making News 11.15 News 11.25 Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 3.25pm Bosco 3.55 Little Zoo 4.00 Sharky and George 4.25 T-Bag and the Rings of Olympus 4.45 Film: The Missing Note 5.40 Dangerbay 6.00 Gentle Ben 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 The Poetry Book 7.05 Perfect Strangers 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by Jo-Maxi Remix 8.30 Who's the Boss? 9.00 Bagdad Cafe 9.25 News followed by Dempsey and Makepeace 10.25 Annaghmakerrig: A Portrait 11.00 News 11.15 The Hitchhiker 11.45 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Playabout 9.00 Card Sharks 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Diff'rent Strokes 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Anything for Money 8.00 "V" 9.00 Wiseguy 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 The Hitchhiker 11.00 Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer 12.00 Twist in the Tale 12.30am China — The Unveiled Highlands 1.30 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Fashion TV 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm CBS News 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Parliament Live 3.30 Parliament Live 4.30 Fashion TV 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Fashion TV 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Beyond 2000 3.30 CBS News 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl at 6.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 Anne of Avonlea, Part One (1987): The heroine of *Anne of Green Gables* grows up, becomes a teacher and dreams of the perfect man. Starring Megan Follows
12.10pm Crossing Delancey (1988): Amy Irving stars as a thirtysomething Jewish woman looking for Mr Right
2.00 The Lady Vanishes (1979): A comedy mystery remake of Hitchcock's classic set aboard a train during the second world war. Starring Elliott Gould and Cybill Shepherd
4.00 Running Mates: Two teenage lovers become embroiled in a political struggle between their respective fathers
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Archer (1985): Story of the first horse to win the Melbourne Cup in 1862. Starring Brett Climo and Robert Coleby
8.00 Red Dawn (1984): A small group of gun-toting teenagers and a former Marine save the US from invading Soviet forces. Starring Charlie Sheen and Patrick Swayze
10.00 Preppies (1984): The girlfriends of three wayward college boys plot their revenge
11.25 Licence To Kill (1989): 007 (Timothy Dalton) takes out a personal vendetta against the drug baron who killed his best friend
1.35am Freeway (1988): A suspended cop and a murder victim's widow join forces to catch the publicity-seeking sniper. Starring Darlanne Fluegel and James Russo
3.05 Ninja Academy (1988): *Police Academy*-style martial arts comedy
4.30 Desperate for Love (1989): The close friendship of two teenage boys is shattered when a new girlfriend comes between them. Ends at 6.00

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Cat City (1987): Animated adventure about an international feline league, whose mission is to rid the world of mice
8.15 The Two-Headed Spy (1958, b/w): Biopic of the spy Colonel Alex Schottland who infiltrated the Gestapo. Starring Jack Hawkins and Gia Scala
10.15 The Idol (1966): Michael Parks hedges his bets by seducing both the mother and daughter of his best friend
12.15pm Wee Willie Winkie (1937): Shirley Temple becomes the mascot of a British regiment in India
2.15 Born Free (1965): Virginia McKenna and Bill Travers star as Kenyan game wardens Joy and George Adamson, attempting to raise a family of lion cubs
4.15 The Treasure of Swamp Castle: Animated adventure about a young prince and his quest to find hidden treasure
5.50 Spotlight
6.15 The Buddy Holly Story (1978): Musical drama about the life and premature death of the rock 'n' roll singer. Starring Gary Busey
8.15 All That Jazz (1979): Surreal musical fantasy based on the life and loves of the late director-choreographer Bob Fosse
10.20 Elvira, Mistress of the Dark (1988): Camp humour as the outrageous star of a television horror show antagonises small-town locals. Starring Cassandra Peterson
12.00 Wired (1989): Biopic of the short life and fast times of comedian John Belushi. Starring Michael Chiklis and Ray Sharkey
1.50am Tropic of Cancer (1970): The sexual adventures of an American author in Twenties Paris. Starring Rip Torn
3.25 The Looking Glass War (1969): Christopher Jones stars as a Polish defector, who is used by the British as a pawn in the espionage game. Ends at 5.10

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
12.30pm Motorcycling Grand Prix of France 2.00 The World Student Games 5.15 Hydroplaning 6.15 The World Student Games 11.00 Torque 12.00 The World Student Games

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am Cycling Tour de France 4.00pm Tennis Dutch Open 5.30 Cycling Tour de France Highlights 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Trans World Sport 8.00 Tennis Dutch Open Highlights 9.30 Cycling Tour de France Highlights 10.30 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am International Amateur Cycling 7.30 Action Auto 8.00 Revs 8.30 Fight Night At The Forum 10.00 Stop-Offshore Powerboat Racing 11.00 New York Athletics 12.00 Gol 1.00pm Tenpin Bowling 2.15 Spain Sport 2.30 Enduro World Championship 3.00 Speedway 4.00 UK Athletics 5.00 Stop-Pro Surfing Tour 5.30 Stop-Budweiser Jet Ski Tour 6.00 US PGA Senior Ameritech Golf Open 8.00 Inside Track 9.00 Motor Sport IMSA 10.00 Major League Baseball

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Workout 11.50 Pizza Gourmet 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 What's New 1.10 Search For Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of the Night 2.05 Afternoon Cinema: Eternally Yours 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 Mothers-in-Law 4.40 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of music and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Dvorák (Serenade for wind in D minor, Op 44)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Copland (Sextet); Castelnuovo-Tedesco (Concerto in D, Op 99); Debussy (L'isle joyeuse); M. Haydn (Concerto in C)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Vivaldi (Domine ad adiuvandum me, RV 593; Trio Sonata in G minor, Op 5 No 6; Cantata, Qual per ignoto calle, RV 677; Concerto for two trumpets in C, RV 537; Magnificat, RV 610)
9.35 Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe. Mendelssohn (Concerto in D minor: Orpheus CO); Wordsworth (Three Wordsworth Songs, Op 45: Alberni String Quartet); Albrechtsberger (Concerto in F: Munich CO under Hans Stadlmair); Brahms (Piano Sonata No 3 in F minor, Op 5: Solomon); Pärt (Symphony No 3: Bamberg SO under Neeme Järvi); Sarasate (Fantasia on Themes from Carmen, Op 25: NYPO under Zubin Mehta); Schubert, orch Melichar (Mille cherubini in coro, D 498: National PO under Kurt Herbert Adler)
12.05pm Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Alexandre Myrat performs Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 4 in G, Op 58: Pascal Devoyon); Ibert (Divertissement) (r)
1.00 News
1.05 Mozart Summer: Second of three programmes, including piano trios composed in 1788. Haydn (Trio in E minor, H XV 12: London Fortepiano Trio); Mozart (Sonata in F, K 376: Hans-Martin Linde, flute, Linda Nicholson, fortepiano); Mozart (Trio in G, K 564: London Fortepiano Trio)
2.00 Vega Wind Quintet performs Milhaud (La cheminée du roi René); Seiber (Permutazione a 5); Damase (17 Variations); Patterson (Comedy for five winds) (r)
2.50 Vintage Years
● CHOICE: Still spoken of with awe, though no longer regarded as unmatched, this mono recording of Toscanini conducting the NBC Symphony Orchestra in Beethoven's Symphony No 9 (the "Choral") was made in 1952 when the charismatic conductor was 85 yet still two years away from retirement. The NBC Orchestra had been specially created for Toscanini 15 years earlier and today's recording of the No 9, digitally re-mastered, was the only commercial disc he ever made of it. The soloists are Eileen Farrell, Nan Merriman, Jan Peerce and Norman Scott, with the Robert Shaw Corale
4.00 Choral Evensong: Live from the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge
5.00 Music from the Mountains: John Thornley presents the second of two programmes of traditional songs and dances recorded in northern Pakistan by Colin Huehns
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with Jeremy Nicholas
7.00 News
7.05 New York Streetscapes: Orchard Street, Lower East Side. Christopher Gray explores the city's changing landscape through the last of three addresses (r)
7.30 Proms 1991: Live from the Albert Hall, London. Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Litton, with Jeffrey Kahane, piano, performs Gershwin (Cuban Overture); Bernstein (Symphony No 2, The Age of Anxiety). **8.15** Architects and Critics. Professor Vincent Scully of Yale University talks about the past, present and future development of architecture. **8.35** Sibelius (Symphony No 2 in D)
9.30 Footsteps from the Finland Station: Newspeak and Double-Think. Michael Charlton presents the final programme in which writers and poets reflect on communism's artificial language (r)
10.15 BBC Singers in Lyon: John Poole conducts Swayne (Magnificat — French premiere); Goutennoire (Alba Notte — world premiere); Ohana (Swan Song); Milhaud (Naissance de Vénus); Messiaen (O sacrum convivium); Britten (AMDG — French premiere)
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Ravel (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek, with Libby Purves
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time: A postbag edition (r)
10.30 Morning Story: The Celebrity Who Failed, by Winifred Holtby. Read by Alice Arnold
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Divide and Rule: A *File on 4* documentary in which John Carlin reports on the violence in South Africa's black townships (r)
11.42 The Parts: In the last programme in the technology series, Carol Vorderman examines the problems of aircraft black boxes and the imminent revolution in telephones
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Litmus Test: A light-hearted investigation of science (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.35 A Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative party
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Wendy Austin talks to Thelma de Leeuw, the president of Soroptimist International
3.00 News; A Confidential Agent: Sharks Have Pearly Teeth, by Nick McCarty. In the last of four cases, private detective Liz Parker (Rosemary Martin) investigates the murky waters of the loan shark (s)
3.47 Enquire Within **4.00** News
4.05 How to Make a Million: Bradford housewife Judith Donovan began her junk-mail business nine years ago with her housekeeping money. Her company now has an annual turnover of £9 million
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Nicholas Tucker reviews the week's new film releases, including *Edward Scissorhands*; there is a report on black American film directors; and Lucy Duran visits the Womad festival in Reading (s)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Brain of Britain 1991: Robert Robinson chairs the third semi-final (s) (r)
7.00 News **7.05** The Archers
7.20 Age to Age: Society's attitude to taxation since medieval times; and the poet as social historian (r)
7.45 Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts (r)
8.15 Raw Meat and Tutus
● CHOICE: Most ballet dancers, Angela Rippon is told, are burnt out at 35. A short life, then. And a sweet one? Not according to the evidence we hear tonight: ballet shoes filled with blood, dancers living with pain and the threat of fearful injury, theatrical digs without bath, shower, or heating. And the other side of the coin? There are the hopeful youngsters who use words such as "marvellous" and "mesmeric" and sound as if they mean it. And thanks to the Dancers Resettlement Fund, which helps former dancers to find more prosaic jobs such as organic farming, there is now life beyond ballet
8.45 Two People: Colin Semper talks to two people who, when confronted by the same moral dilemma, arrived at different decisions. Sailors Wade Tidbury and Adrian Cumper discuss how they agonised over whether or not to stay in the navy during the Falklands conflict
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Across the Common, by Elizabeth Berridge. Read by Imogen Stubbs (8 of 10)
11.00 Musician at Large: The Night is Filled with Questions. The last programmes in which Steve Race celebrates 50 years as a broadcaster (s)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

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RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 News, Sport 9.00 Take Five 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 This Family Business, incl at 11.00, 12.00 News and Sport 12.30pm And Now Read On 1.00 News and Sport; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1.20 Music Mix, incl at 2.00 News; Sport 2.30 World Service: Discovery 3.00 News; Sport 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Keep to the Path 3.45 Good Books 4.00 News; Sport 4.05 Development '91 4.35 Five Aside, incl at 5.00, 6.00, 7.00 News; Sport 7.20 Jennings Goes to School· The Literary Masterpiece (3 of 5) 7.35 Return to Bedlidrempt (8) (r) 8.00 Popcall: Phone-in pop quiz. Tel: 0345 909693 9.00 Starting Out: Employment. Options for 16- to 18-year-olds (4 of 6) (r) 9.30 Black Museum: The Little Blue .22 10.00 News; Sport 10.10 Hit the North, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.30 The World Today 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather 6.00 News 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridian 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 Development '91 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Artists at Work 10.00 News 10.09 World Business Report 10.15 Country Style 10.30 From a Bruised Shore 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.01 Omnibus 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Meridian 1.00 News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 News Ideas 1.35 Writers in a Nutshell: Simone de Beauvoir 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the Shelf: A Tour Through the Whole Island of Great Britain (8) 3.45 Good Books 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.15 The World Today 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 The World Today 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Omnibus 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Assignment 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 From Our Own Correspondent 11.20 The All-Time Swing Hit Parade 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am World Business Report 12.15 Good Books 12.30 Multitrack 2 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Much Binding in the Marsh 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Waveguide 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Assignment 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Brain of Britain 4.45 News and Press Review in German

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Britain seeks a counter attraction to EuroDisney

*A Disneyland – or a green and pleasant land? That is the issue facing the English Tourist Board as it ponders tourism's future, **John Young** writes*

CASTLES and stately homes, Stratford-on-Avon and the Lake District, Westminster Abbey and the Tower of London. Such attractions, we have been led to believe, are the bedrock of the tourist industry, luring millions of visitors to rescue another great British institution, the national overdraft, otherwise known as the balance of payments.

But they will no longer suffice, not at any rate in the view of the English Tourist Board. What we need to play to packed houses in the 1990s, according to John East, the board's chief executive, is our own Disneyland, able to compete with the wondrous EuroDisney which is due to open just outside Paris next year.

Banish the thought that, as a rash of theme parks spreads across the countryside, our ancient, green and pleasant land is already well on the way to becoming one huge Disneyland. We must, says Mr East, have our own "major new attraction of international standing", plus, for good measure, up to six new "countryside holiday villages."

William Davis, the board's chairman, said yesterday it was a cause for great regret that the scheme to convert Battersea power station, in London, into a leisure complex had come to a halt. Similarly, the shelving of Universal Studios' proposals for a multi-million pound development on Rainham Marshes, in Essex, was a disappointment.

But there was no reason for despair, he indicated. The board's newly published strategy envisaged an increase of nearly half in the value of tourism to the national economy in the next five years, from around £20,000 million to some £29,000 million.

There were considerable challenges to be met, however. They included growing international competition, especially within Europe; the need to balance the needs of tourism with those of the environment; an urgent need to improve transport and communications; and recruiting, training and motivating a skilled workforce.

Talk of Disneylands and holiday villages alarmed members of conservation organisations attending the presentation in London yesterday of the board's new five-year strategy, *Planning for Success*. Adrian Phillips, director of the Countryside Commission, said it was not so much a question of "balancing" the needs of tourism with those of the environment as of ensuring the environment was able to survive the pressure of visitors. The latest issue of the commission's newsletter casts a cold eye on the alleged benefits of tourism.

Leaders clash on BCCI

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supported by Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the governor of the Bank of England.

Giving evidence to the Treasury select committee in the Commons, Mr Leigh-Pemberton, who appeared tired and strained, said that he would not have told the then Chancellor (Mr Major) about the reports of the BCCI auditors, Price Waterhouse, in April and October last year. "I would have regarded that as part of our ongoing supervisory operations."

At that stage, the governor said, he did not have any reason to believe that the problems of BCCI would develop into a serious affair.

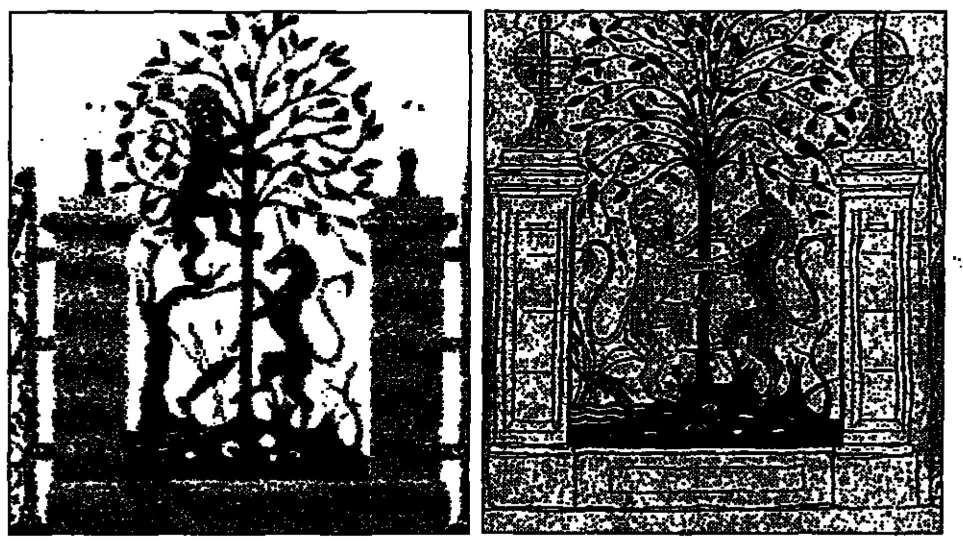
However, Mr Leigh-Pemberton then muddied the waters by saying later that it was likely that Mr Major and other chancellors had raised questions about a possible drugs cartel and other serious banking irregularities.

The governor said that all chancellors with whom he had dealt over the years had been concerned about "this bank's difficulties".

Fraudster named, page 21

CHRIS HARRIS

Close-up: Prince Michael of Kent with the rejected design at yesterday's launch



Grounded: gate with the lion in the tree, left, and back to earth, right

King of beasts put in his place

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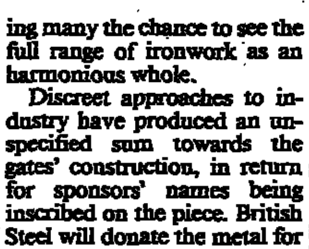
Park gates used to be brightly coloured until Queen Victoria ordered them painted black in memory of her dear departed Albert.

"The more I looked at this corner of London, the more I felt it was an unfinished part of the park," Prince Michael said. Gates stood on the site until the 1950s, when they were taken away to allow for road widening. The Royal Fine Art Commission has approved the scheme with a few minor reservations over siting and the addition of electric lamps on gateposts. The gates will be closed only from midnight to 5am, denying many the chance to see the full range of ironwork as an harmonious whole.



Discreet approaches to industry have produced an unspecified sum towards the gates' construction, in return for sponsors' names being inscribed on the piece. British Steel will donate the metal for the 21ft-high assembly.

Money for the gates is being raised by curious means. Individual donors are invited to buy a £1 stamp (now showing Carrickfergus Castle from a photograph by the Duke of York) and send it on a postcard to the appeal headquarters. The Royal Mail will donate the full amount of every stamp bought and carry the mail free.

Having dealt with the lion in the tree, the Queen Mother's eye, it is reported, roved to another part of the central panel design. "Is that a pheasant?" she asked the sculptor. "Yes, ma'am," he replied. "You were, were you not, the last Empress of India, and the pheasant is an Indian bird."

"Chinese, actually," the last empress replied. "But never mind."

Work on the gate, which will feature symbols of the Queen Mother's interests, is expected to start in September and be completed by next Easter. Donations should be sent to: The Queen Mother's Gate Appeal, Royal Mail, PO Box 1991, London EC3B 3QE.

Lighting royal hearts, page 14

Political sketch

Too late to kiss and make up?

MY privilege yesterday was briefly to enter two different worlds. These were a million miles apart and separated by the short walk from the Commons chamber, across the flagstones of Westminster Hall, to the grand committee room.

In the chamber they had the most almighty row. The decibel-level was as high as I have heard in 12 years. The prime minister glared at the leader of the Opposition with a hatred rarely seen in parliament, and shouts of "liar" rang across the floor. The supporting factions roared as lustily as a football crowd. They were discussing BCCI.

In the grand committee room, the governor of the Bank of England was talking to the Treasury select committee. The all-party group sat in a cordial ring, spectacles perched on noses, interviewing each other with ceremonious courtesy. Only a polite cough, the scratch of pencils and the supressed chop-chop of Mr Leigh-Pemberton biting his nails, punctuated the exchanges. They were discussing BCCI.

It was like walking from the school playground into the masters' common room. But, sadly, the kids are in charge.

Of the Major-Kinnock bust-up, what can we say? Neither has any talent at acting, so we can assume that each really was angry as he seemed, and each genuinely believed himself to be right. As their rival assertions were not, in fact, inconsistent, this is hardly surprising. Kinnock insinuated that Major has known about the clouds over BCCI for years. Major said he had no idea how serious these were until last month.

My brother and I used to have arguments like this when we were about three and four respectively. My mother used to say "you're *both* right, now, Matthew, give Roger a kiss: and, Roger, give Matthew a kiss". Possibly my mother could have dealt with John and Neil more effectively, yesterday, than Mr Speaker. As John asked Neil whether he was calling him a liar, and the House screamed fit to bring the roof down, Mr Speaker cast his eyes heavenward, with a despairing cry: "Let's behave like the House of Commons," he said. But that was the problem. They were.

And the Treasury select committee was behaving like the treasury select committee. Indeed its chairman, the magisterial Terence Higgins (C, Worthing), an amiable eagle, may well have been supposed by foreign correspondents to have been the governor of the Bank of England himself.

The governor does not look like a governor. With his comfortable suit, half-moon spectacles (gold rim), slightly crinkly hair, and reassuring manner he reminds me of a Harley Street consultant. On the whole, he confined himself to generalities. From the governor's expert deputies, Mr Quinn (to his left) and Mr George (to his right), a series of little head-movements and the most discreet of grunts were suggestive of the "*warmer, warmer*" or "*colder, colder*" of the children's party game. Mr Leigh-Pemberton, however, wore his blindfold lightly and with the distinction we have come to expect from Eton and the Guards. If he had not, by the end of a gruelling session, quite succeeded in pinning the tail onto the donkey, he certainly managed to stop the donkeys pinning anything onto him. And, as his interrogators' questions seemed to wander towards the person of the prime minister himself, a well-orchestrated cry of "*colder, colder*" came from the governor and all his minions.

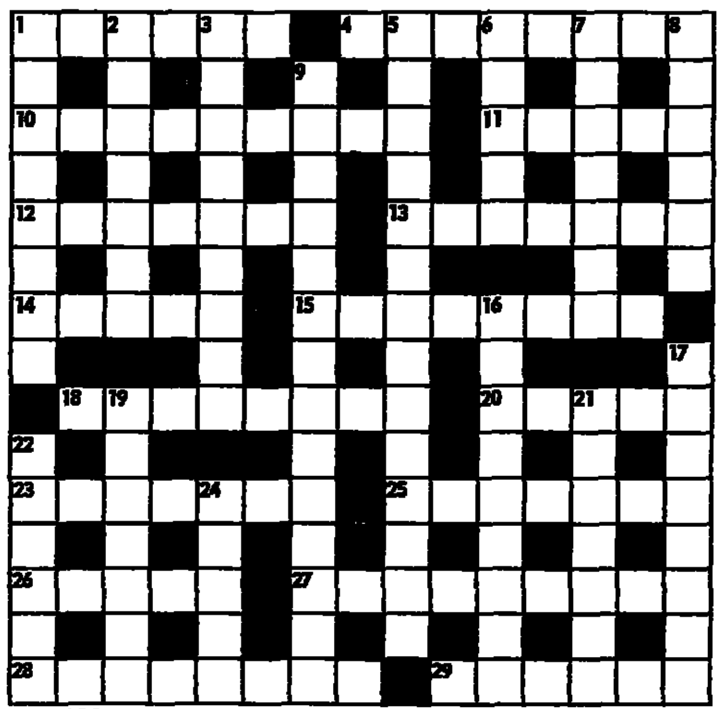
So is it too much to hope that Neil and John will give each other a kiss, before the holidays? I must ask my mother to intervene.

MATTHEW PARRIS

WONDERS OLD AND NEW

What are the seven wonders of the 20th century? Above all, they are a matter of opinion: your opinion. Starting this weekend, *The Times* Saturday Review is running a series on the seven wonders of the ancient world, a fascinating look back at the product of what amounted to the first stirrings of tourism in our ancestors. But we want you to put together the wonders of this century, defined only as being objects we can actually gaze upon. The best list will win a holiday for two, but please do not give us a list of your seven favourite holiday destinations: you may wish to go to one of the seven, you may however go anywhere else

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,666



ACROSS

1 Temple of Apollo, perhaps, in Pennsylvania (6).
4 The twelfth foundation stone – it's a revelation! (8).
10 Talk now broadcast about popular foreign enclave (9).
11 Part of circle an accountant rebuffed in Ghana (5).
12 Not in firm state as a consequence (7).
13 Only remaining one in the city, variable according to price (7).
14 Consent to a European king being removed (5).
15 Taking in exchange big mini with black interior (8).
18 Planet has source of 2 inside – it's mostly methane (5,3).
20 Edict Kashmir's leaders put into practice (5).
23 In Verdun, a war experience renders us insensible (7).
25 A kind of mass written up in Latin version (7).
26 Sketch a military detachment (5).
27 Touchy about one day's evidence (9).
28 One who is tender to the kids (8).
29 Spread bad news about origins of Third Reich (6).

DOWN

1 Bully loses head, wearing friend's medallion (8).
2 Brilliance of a dog's last group of offspring (7).
3 It takes seconds, oddly enough, to clothe each minister (9).
5 Underhand dealings acceptable, note, in male company (6,8).
6 Worn by a Persian king, it upset a sun god (5).
7 Jazz fan in any university out in Central America (7).
8 Most of the 24, though without one hair on the head (6).
9 Soften up chap with curly hair at first, writing this (8,6).
16 Uncompromising about new pier plan (9).
17 Lacking 24, he slew any converted Christian (8).
19 Where Montgomery grew up, to the south of Birmingham (7).
21 A girl model, on the plump side (7).
22 Tommy has to follow retriever, perhaps (3,3).
24 Character! Exactly what is needed in a person of honour (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,665

P	I	T	O	N	■	S	P	R	I	N	G	B	O	K
R	■	O	■	E	■	L	■	E	■	I	■	R	■	N
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I	■	■	■	A	■	S	■	R	■	R	■	N	■	■
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This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 46 per cent of competitors at the 1991 Glasgow regional final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship.

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

PRATT KNOT
a. The *Bruges Group*
b. A software category
c. A knot for a tie

CUBICA
a. A cubic drinking vessel
b. Fine worsted for linings
c. A quadratic equation

ESCOLAR
a. A spectacled fish
b. A Spanish sun-hat
c. Roman household god of eating

KEBBIE
a. Hebrew measure of six cubits
b. A gimmer ewe
c. A shepherd's crook

Answers on page 18, column 1

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Concise Crossword, page 17

WEATHER

There will be a bright start in south-east England, with some early sunshine, but most of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy with showers or rain. Showers will break out in south-east England this morning, but, by afternoon, western areas should be brighter. Coasts of north-east England and eastern Scotland will be rather cool, and dull and misty. Outlook: cloudy with showers or rain.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	31	88	s	Luxembg	27	81	s
Akrotiri	29	84	s	Luxor	38	100	s
Alex'dria	28	82	f	Madrid	33	91	s
Algiers	31	88	s	Majorca	31	88	s
Amst'dm	25	77	s	Malaga	26	79	s
Athens	34	93	s	Malta	31	88	s
Bahrain	34	93	s	Melb'rne	8	46	f
Bangkok	32	90	f	Miami*	31	88	s
Barbads*	31	88	f	Milan	29	84	s
Barcelna	28	82	s	Montreal*	23	73	s
Beirut	29	84	s	Moscow	22	72	c
Belgrade	27	81	f	Munich	26	79	s
Berlin	22	72	s	Nairobi	21	70	c
Bermuda*	29	84	f	Naples	32	90	s
Biarritz	22	72	c	N Delhi	32	90	f
Borde'x	29	84	s	N York*	31	88	c
Brussels	27	81	s	Nice	28	82	s
Budapst	26	79	s	Oslo	19	66	f
B Aires*	12	54	s	Paris	30	86	s
Cairo	33	91	s	Peking	33	91	s
Cape Tn	14	57	c	Perth	18	64	f
Chicago*	36	97	s	Prague	24	75	s
Ch'church	10	50	s	Reykjavik	13	55	c
Cologne	27	81	s	Rhodes	30	86	c
C'phagn	17	63	c	Riyadh	40	104	s
Corfu	32	90	s	Rome	29	84	s
Dublin	15	59	c	Salzburg	26	79	s
Dubrovnik	29	84	s	S F'risco*	19	66	s
Faro	24	75	s	Santiago*	13	55	s
Florence	33	91	s	Seoul	27	81	c
Frankfurt	28	82	s	Sing'por	29	84	f
Funchal	24	75	s	St'kholm	20	68	f
Geneva	29	84	s	Strasb'rg	29	84	s
Gibraltar	29	84	s	Sydney	11	52	c
Helsinki	19	66	f	Tangier	24	75	s
Hong K	30	86	c	Tel Aviv	30	86	s
Innsbrck	28	82	s	Tenerife	26	79	s
Istanbul	26	79	f	Tokyo	33	91	s
Jeddah	38	100	s	Toronto*	27	81	f
Jo'burg*	18	64	s	Tunis	36	97	s
Karachi	29	84	d	Valencia	32	90	s
L Palmas	24	75	f	Vanc'ver*	19	66	s
Le Touqt	27	81	f	Venice	28	82	s
Lisbon	24	75	s	Vienna	25	77	f
Locarno	28	82	c	Warsaw	16	61	c
London	25	77	f	Wash'ton*	32	90	t
L Angels*	18	64	c	Wel'nton	12	54	s

* denotes figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.27	2.12
Austria Sch	21.80	20.30
Belgium Fr	63.60	59.60
Canada $	2.055	1.905
Denmark Kr	11.96	11.21
Finland Mkk	7.49	7.04
France Fr	10.44	9.79
Germany Dm	3.09	2.89
Greece Dr	334.00	314.00
Hong Kong $	13.65	12.65
Ireland Pt	1.152	1.082
Italy Lira	2305.00	2155.00
Japan Yen	246.50	228.50
Netherlands Gld	3.475	3.255
Norway Kr	12.10	11.30
Portugal Esc	263.50	245.50
South Africa Rd	5.60	4.90
Spain Pta	191.50	178.50
Sweden Kr	11.24	10.49
Switzerland Fr	2.67	2.50
Turkey Lira	7600	7000
USA $	1.775	1.65
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	1.65

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Jersey, Channel Islands, 26C (79F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Machrihanish, Strathclyde, 0.12 in; highest sunshine: Ventnor, Isle of Wight, 14 hr.

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.2	-	17	63	cloudy
Anglesey	1.3	-	18	64	cloudy
Aviemore	0.7	-	19	66	cloudy
Belfast	-	.09	16	61	rain
Eastbourne	12.2	-	20	68	sunny
Edinburgh	0.5	.06	17	63	bright
Exmouth	7.6	-	17	63	sunny
Falmouth	0.4	-	15	59	cloudy
Folkestone	11.9	-	21	70	sunny
Glasgow	1.3	-	18	64	cloudy
Hastings	11.6	-	21	70	sunny
Hunstanton	6.4	-	22	72	sunny
Jersey	12.6	-	26	79	sunny
Newquay	1.3	-	18	64	bright
Nottingham	3.5	-	23	73	bright
Plymouth	6.4	-	19	66	sunny
Poole	9.7	-	21	70	sunny
Sandown	12.9	-	21	70	sunny
Scarborough	2.0	-	21	70	cloudy
Scilly Isles	2.3	-	18	64	bright
Southsea	12.1	-	20	68	sunny
St. Ives	1.4	-	18	64	bright
Teignmouth	9.7	-	18	64	sunny
Tenby	1.1	-	17	63	cloudy
Tiree	2.6	-	15	59	cloudy
Torquay	8.4	-	21	70	sunny
Weymouth	9.9	-	19	66	fog
Wick	2.0	-	15	59	cloudy
Worthing	11.9	-	21	70	sunny

Monday's figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 27C (81F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 18C (64F). Humidity: 6pm, 83 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.02 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 5.7 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,008.7 millibars, rising.
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W & S Yorks & Dales 717*
N E England 718*
Cumbria & Lake District 719
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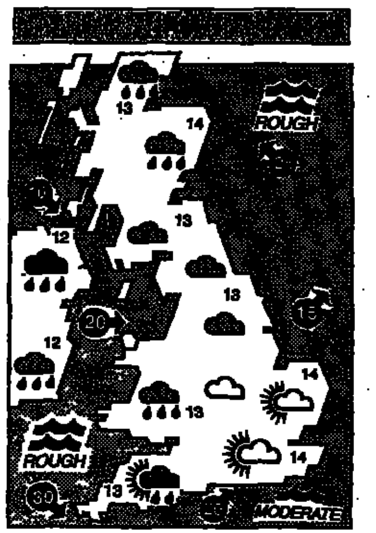

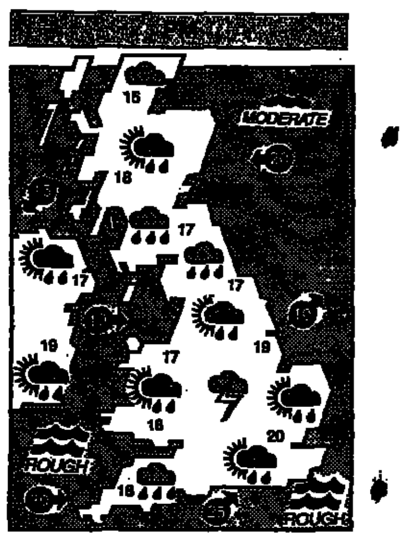

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	15	59	c	Guernsey	18	64	f
B'rmgham	22	72	f	Inverness	18	64	c
Blackpool	18	64	r	Jersey	21	70	c
Bristol	19	66	c	London	25	77	f
Cardiff	18	64	c	M'nchster	20	68	c
Edinburgh	19	66	c	Newcastle	18	64	c
Glasgow	18	64	c	R'nldsway	15	59	c

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 21C (70F); min 6pm to 6am, 16C (61F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.024 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.9 hr.

London 9.02 pm to 5.13 am
Bristol 9.11 pm to 5.23 am
Edinburgh 9.36 pm to 5.03 am
Manchester 9.19 pm to 5.12 am
Penzance 9.17 pm to 5.41 am

Sun rises: 5.12 am
Sun sets: 9.02 pm
Moon sets 2.37 am
Moon rises 7.52 pm
Full moon July 26

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 14C (57F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.19 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.1 hr.

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.05	6.0	1.25	6.1	Liverpool	10.50	7.91	11.06	8.4
Aberdeen	12.30	3.6	1.07	3.5	Lowestoft	9.00	2.2	9.46	2.1
Avonmouth	6.30	10.8	6.66	11.4	Margate	11.26	4.1		
Belfast	10.27	3.0	10.48	3.2	Milford Haven	5.37	5.6	5.59	6.0
Cardiff	6.15	10.1	6.41	10.6	Newquay	4.30	5.7	4.52	6.1
Devonport	4.44	4.5	5.14	4.8	Oban	5.32	3.1	5.49	3.4
Dover	10.42	5.7	11.03	5.7	Penzance	3.48	4.5	4.16	4.8
Falmouth	4.14	4.3	4.44	4.6	Portland	6.07	1.4	6.35	1.7
Glasgow	12.01	4.1	12.26	3.9	Portsmouth	10.57	4.0	11.05	4.2
Harwich	11.20	3.6	11.48	3.5	Shoreham	10.47	5.1	11.03	5.3
Holyhead	10.05	4.6	10.18	5.0	Southampton	10.40	3.9	10.41	4.0
Hull	5.41	6.3	6.19	6.2	Swansea	5.40	7.8	6.02	8.2
Ilfracombe	5.23	7.5	5.45	7.9	Tees	2.55	4.6	3.27	4.8
King's Lynn	5.49	5.4	6.24	5.4	W'ton-on-Nze	11.17	3.7	11.46	3.7
Leith	1.49	4.7	2.26	4.7					

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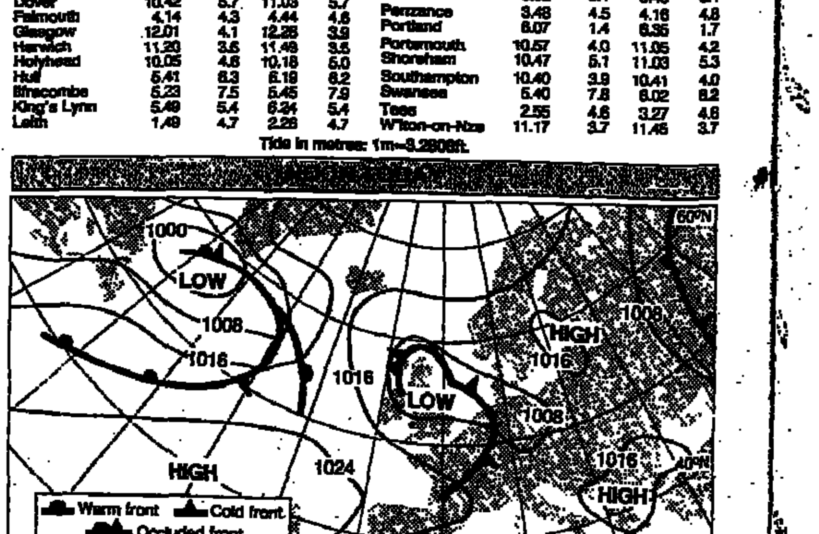

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City's hopes for recovery send stock market to record high

By Michael Clark
Stock Market Correspondent

SHARE prices on the London stock market raced to new record trading and closing highs with most City institutions continuing to take the view that the economy is showing the first signs of recovery.

Further reflection of Monday's better than expected balance of payment and retail sales figures for June sent investors on a massive spending spree that saw 652 million shares change hands. But prices closed below their best after Wall Street lost an early lead.

The FT-SE 100 index came within a whisker of 2,600 before ending the session 29.4 points above Monday's close, at 2,587.9, easily beating its previous highest closing level of 2,561.6, achieved earlier this month.

Dealers said that despite the improvement in turnover and the apparent breakout from recent trading levels, conditions remain thin. Much of the early momentum stemmed from the futures market where the FT-SE 100 index September series surged ahead as fund managers took a bullish view of medium-term prospects. The future ended at 2,627.

Brokers are now upgrading their year-end forecast for the index and some think it will hit 2,700 in the next few weeks. Most experts still believe the recovery will be consumer-led, as evidenced by heavy buying of stores shares. The banks are also attracting support along with drinks companies. Kleinwort Benson, the stockbroker, remains bullish about medium-term prospects for the equity market and is still forecasting a year target for the FT-SE 100 of 3,000. Roger Palmer, at Kleinwort, says: "We are reaching a turning point. In terms of GDP, we are unlikely to see any upturn until the fourth quarter. There is also some way to go before an upgrading in corporate earnings takes place".

Brian Tarrel head of market-making at BZW, takes a more cautious approach to recent events: "I believe the market has gone too far, too fast. It has been prepared to discount most of the good news. There are things in the backgound that could spring a few nasty suprises, but there are no sellers." He says investors are being selective with their purchases. There has been support for the utilities because of their strong yields.

Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, is bullish about prospects and is sticking with its year-end forecast of 2,700 for the market. But Peter Meinertzhagen, the chairman, is more sceptical about the future. He says: "The market does not want to come down. We may have stopped the fall, but it doesn't mean that there is automatically a big upturn to come.

"Investors are being choosy about where they spend their money. The buying is not across the board."

One of the pitfalls facing the market is the prospect of it being hit by another wave of rights issues from companies wishing to take advantage of its strength to repair their balance sheets. In the first six months of this year, a total of £5 billion was raised by way of rights issues. At least one securities house has given warning that that figure could rise to £10 billion, or even £12 billion, by the end of the year.

Meanwhile, government securities remain overshadowed by last week's issue of £1 billion of 9 per cent Convertible stock 2011. Prices at the longer end reflected worries about the government's funding programme with early rises of £⅛ giving way to losses of £½.

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Building society savings slump

BUILDING society savings in June fell to £444 million, the lowest monthly total this year. In May, net deposits were £774 million.

The Building Societies Association blamed holiday spending and the privatisation of the Scottish electricity generating companies at the beginning of the month.

Mortgage lending was slightly down despite falling interest rates and the many special offers being launched over the past few weeks. Net new commitments were £3,892 million compared with £4,078 million in May. Gross advances fell from £3,691 million to £3,665 million.

Mark Boleat, the director general of the Building Societies Association, said: "Gross mortgage advances in June remained almost unchanged compared with May or indeed with June last year . . . However, after taking into account the higher level of mortgage rates that prevailed in June 1990 it is clear that the underlying trend in lending is flat."

Southend falls to £3.1m

Four weeks after its £140 million bid for Frogmore Estates lapsed, Southend Property Holdings has reported that pre-tax profits for the year to March more than halved to £3.1 million.

Despite the sharp fall, analysts said the figures revealed no surprises and the shares closed unchanged at 85p. The final dividend was increased to 2.48p (2.25p) to give a total of 3.8p (3.45p).

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P&P dividend up

P&P, the computer distribution and servicing group, is lifting its interim dividend from 1.25p to 1.33p, despite a fall in pre-tax profits from £6.8 million to £3.3 million in the half year to end-May. The profit is struck after a £2 million provision for stock write-downs.

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.6815 (−0.0010)
German mark
2.9578 (+0.0008)
Exchange index
91.1 (same)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
2006.1 (+32.3)
FT-SE 100
2587.9 (+29.4)
New York Dow Jones
2998.43 (−14.54)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
22758.98 (+53.69)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Meyer Int	447½p (+13p)
Brent Chems	141½p (+10p)
BMC Group	660p (+20p)
Redland	582½p (+23p)
Steetley	342½p (+10p)
Tarmac	234p (+10p)
GKN	363½p (+14p)
Hawker Siddeley	569½p (+14p)
Rank Org	665p (+13p)
Reuters	793½p (+15p)
Ladbroke	266½p (+14p)
ADT	545p (+10p)
AIM	99p (+20p)
Bowater	658½p (+15p)
Bass	937½p (+14p)
Grand Met	793½p (+14p)
Whitbread 'A'	478½p (+13p)
FALLS:	
Union Discount	421½p (−15p)
Provident	438½p (−13p)
Cater Allen	353½p (−13p)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank $11^{1}/_{16}$-11%
3-month eligible bills: $10^{19}/_{32}$-$10^{9}/_{16}$%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds $5^{11}/_{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.59-5.58%*
30-year bonds 96⅛-$96^{9}/_{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6815	£: $1.6848*
£: DM2.9578	$: DM1.7565*
£: SwFr2.5677	$: SwFr1.5280*
£: FFr10.0260	$: FFr5.9625*
£: Yen230.37	$: Yen136.95*
£: Index:91.1	$: Index:66.9
ECU £0.695359	SDR £0.791265
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GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $368.05 pm-$367.40
close $367.80-368.30 (£218.75-219.25)
New York:
Comex $368.15-368.65*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Aug) ..... $19.55 bbl ($20.10)
* Denotes latest trading price

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 134.1 June (1987=100)

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BCCI fraud chief named by Governor

By Neil Bennett, Banking Correspondent

The Governor of the Bank of England, has identified Swaleh Naqvi, the former chief executive of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, as the man who ran a multi-billion dollar fraud at the bank for more than a decade.

Robin Leigh-Pemberton told a meeting of the Treasury select committee in the Commons that it was Mr Naqvi's collection of 6,000 files that formed the "bank within a bank" in BCCI. Together these files detail the ficticious loans and unrecorded deposits that formed the heart of the massive and systematic fraud.

The Governor said, however, that he was not confident that advisers to Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, the ruler of Abu Dhabi and BCCI's main shareholder, knew nothing about the fraud. "The fraud involved not only past management but continuing management, board members and representatives of the shareholders," he said.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton said he knew the sheikh had been unaware of the fraud and that he was an upright man. He said he hoped the sheikh may still rescue part of the bank through a capital injection, but that it was very unlikely that BCCI would reopen anywhere in Europe.

Nr Naqvi was forced out of his post in London last October after the initial discovery of large irregular loans. Since then he has been under close supervision in Abu Dhabi.

The Naqvi files formed the basis for the Price Waterhouse investigation of BCCI that led directly to the bank's closure on July 5. In earlier audits of the bank, PW's investigators had been completely unaware of the existence of this separate library of bank files.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton was defending the Bank of England's decision not to close BCCI last year, when it received two reports from Price Waterhouse detailing large irregular loans to Middle East businessmen. "If we closed down a bank every time we found an incidence of fraud, we would have rather fewer banks than we do at the moment," he said.

The governor added that the scale of the fraud in the June 1991 report was far greater than the Bank had suspected before. "The culture of the bank is criminal. We felt we could not correct the scale of the fraud."

The committee heard that the Bank had been told by BCCI itself that it was being used by terrorists as long ago as 1988, two years earlier than previously thought. The Bank of England had then carried out an investigation with the intelligence services into the extent of the operation.

Meanwhile it has emerged that the Bank of Credit and Commerce International's thwarted ambition to become a leading force in the American banking industry was one of the principal causes behind the massive fraud.

The Bank of England's winding-up petition reveals that BCCI used ficticious loans worth hundreds of millions of dollars to buy First American Bankshares, the largest bank in Washington.

The petition repeatedly refers to a company codenamed WXYZ as a central figure in the fraud, and sources close to the liquidation have identified it as owning First American.

The trouble began in 1978, when BCCI made a hostile bid for the bank, then called Financial General Bankshares. The bid was blocked by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Financial General was finally bought by a group of Middle East businessmen in 1981.Renamed First American, it was owned by a holding company, named Credit and Commerce American Holdings, whose shares were in turn held by a range of nominee companies. Unknown to the American regulators, BCCI had made false loans worth $1.45 billion to the Arab businessmen and asked them to buy shares in First American on its behalf.

The secret acquisition of First American placed an intolerable burden on BCCI's already strained balance sheet, so the bank's senior executives resorted to false accounting. They made it appear that interest was being paid on the loans. In all the Bank of England's affidavit claims BCCI recorded $573 million in false income on the loans.

The pretence was uncovered by an American enquiry last year, which revealed BCCI was the true owner of the bank. In May, the ruler of Abu Dhabi, BCCI's main shareholder, agreed to take responsibility for BCCI's false loans.

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NHL agrees cash cover with banks

From Our Banking Correspondent

NATIONAL Home Loans, the central mortgage lender, has organised emergency financing from the main high street banks in case it is shunned by local authorities in the wake of the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

A syndicate of banks has agreed to provide NHL with all the short-term finance it needs to cover its mortgage lending if councils carry out their threats and withdraw their deposits from smaller financial institutions and move them to the main banks.

The mortgage lender relies heavily on council deposits to fund its £1.2 billion loan book, and offers councils an interest rate $^{1}/_{16}$ of a percentage point higher than the main banks. A short statement from NHL said the directors were now confident the lender "would be able to meet its future liquidity requirements".

Local authorities are estimated to have lost £70 million in the closure of BCCI, and the losses are thought to have prompted council treasurers to place their deposits with the largest and most secure institutions.

Kevin Milner, NHL's chief executive, said there was no sign that councils were moving their deposits away from the group, but that the company had decided to establish the facilities with the banks to protect itself.

Mr Milner said that he could not understand the stock market's reaction to the company's statement, with shares almost halving from 70p to 39p. He said: "I don't think the market understood what we were saying. If we had been in trouble we would not have made such an announcement."

The chief executive said recently, at the time of the interim figures, that a provision of £25 million had been made against bad debts. He said the situation had not got better and there might be another provision with the full-year results. But he denied it would be of the same size.

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ALAN WELLER

Offset profits: David Ure, left, Peter Job and Rob Rowley are happy to let Reuters' cash earn interest in the bank

Cash lifts Reuters in difficult trading

By Colin Campbell

REUTERS Holdings, the information technology group that serves the world in 14 languages, offset lower operating profits in the six months to June 30 with higher net interest on its large net cash balances.

The group reported an interim pre-tax profit of £170.1 million (£167.1 million), on sales revenue of £705.3 million, up 2.5 per cent. The interim dividend rose from 4.4p to 4.7p a share. Reuters shares rose 15p to 794p.

Peter Job, Reuters' managing director, said he did not foresee double-digit revenue growth "this year or next", and that net new orders continue to be much lower than 1990.

In Europe, Reuters has set aside £10 million to fund redundancy programmes and the cost of vacating properties. Further provisions are expected to be made in the second half, but David Ure, managing director Reuters Europe, Middle East and Africa, declined to elaborate.

Rob Rowley, finance director, said Reuters' net cash holdings at June 30 were £448.3 million, compared with £235.2 million a year earlier, and that net interest received in the interim period rose from £13.7 million to £21.9 million.

Reuters said it was happy to hold its money in banks that pay good rates of interest, and had no other plans for its cash mountain, which traditionally shrinks in the second half.

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Oftel nears BT agreement

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

SIR Bryan Carsberg, head of the Office of Telecommunications, BT's regulator, is expected to announce today that it has reached agreement with BT over pricing in a move which is likely to pave the way for the government's sale of its remaining stake in BT.

The timing of a general election could still determine whether or not the government goes ahead with the sale, planned for November, of its remaining 48.6 per cent shareholding in the telecommunications company. However, the expected resolution of the latest argument between BT and Sir Bryan looks likely to head off an enquiry into BT by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission which could have put the sale under threat.

The expected announcement today by Oftel follows a BT board meeting yesterday which considered the outcome of two weeks of discussions between BT and the regulator, culminating in talks last Friday.

Sir Bryan had been requiring changes to BT's operating licence following the outcome of the government's duopoly review of BT and Mercury in the telecommunications industry. Earlier this month, he proposed new limits on what BT could charge competitors for access to its business and domestic lines with new charge thresholds based on market share with which BT would have to comply. He gave warning that if BT did not accept them, the issue would have to be resolved by an MMC reference.

The BT board yesterday examined revised proposals from Oftel following the talks between the two sides. Sir Bryan is expected to announce details of the agreed licence revisions today.

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Election year pump-priming rejected

Major orders cuts in spending plans

By Philip Webster and Robin Oakley

AN ELECTION year spending spree was ruled out by the cabinet yesterday as John Major asked ministers to cut bids for public expenditure already running more than £16 billion above the Treasury target.

The cabinet's spending ministers are to be forced to make economies so that the government can keep as close as possible to its target of £221 billion for next year and maintain the reputation for financial prudence Mr Major intends to use as an important card in the general election campaign.

In the annual Whitehall internal battle for funding, only William Waldegrave, the health secretary, appears likely to receive a sympathetic response for his submission for extra funding. David Mellor, the Treasury chief secretary, won agreement at yesterday's meeting that the bids, which the Treasury believes have, as usual, been artificially inflated for the purposes of negotiations, should be reduced sharply.

An agreed statement was issued afterwards saying "strict control of public spending, an essential and distinctive part of government strategy over the last decade, must be maintained".

In what is certain to be a difficult spending round leading up to and including the party conference in the autumn, Mr Mellor has been given some leeway by the larger than usual contingency reserve of £7 billion, although that has already been eroded by £1.1 billion earmarked for local authority spending and £400 million for child benefit.

Public borrowing for next year is projected at £12 billion and ministers hope that increased privatisation proceeds will restrict the need for extra.

The citizen's charter is not allowed for in this year's spending forecasts although Whitehall sources accept that in future the targets and league tables that will be a central feature of it will help ministers in their annual haggle over money.

Mr Mellor gave an upbeat assessment of the economy, with inflation expected to be down to 4 per cent by Christmas and the recovery under way by the end of the year, a point to be confirmed by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, in a Commons debate today.

Mr Major is determined to prevent spending running out of control, believing that the reputation for good housekeeping is one of the Tories' main electoral assets. Relaxation would make it harder to attack Labour's spending plans, a key electoral tactic. Mr Mellor has been given full authority to take the knife to his colleagues' plans. The recession has cut Treasury tax receipts and rising unemployment has pushed up spending.

Daimler finalises deal with CGS

From Wolfgang Münchau
in Paris

DAIMLER-Benz and Cap Gemini Sogeti (CGS), the French information technology group, yesterday finalised a wide-ranging and complex co-operation deal to give Daimler a 34 per cent stake in CGS's holding company, with an option to go higher.

The disclosed cost to Daimler is Fr2.4 billion, but that does not include the direct transfer of a 25 per cent stake in the company. The total cost to Daimler could therefore be well in excess of Fr4 billion.

The deal marks a foray of Daimler-Benz's Inter-Services (debis), into one of the fastest growing business areas and is evidence of the continued concentration process in the computer services and software industry, which has seen a spate of co-operation and merger deals during the past few weeks. Information technology services includes software, and other services such as consultancy and the operation of computer systems at client companies.

Under the agreement, Daimler will provide Sogeti, CGS's holding company, with new capital of Fr1.2 billion in return for a 9 per cent stake. Also, Daimler is buying a stake of 25 per cent from individual shareholders at an undisclosed price. There is an additional Fr1.2 billion capital injection through a convertible note.

The structure of the deal means that Daimler could eventually acquire a majority stake in Sogeti, but this requires the agreement of other shareholders. In 1995, Daimler will be able to convert its note, which would raise its stake to 39.9 per cent. There is also a warrant issued by Sogeti, with which Daimler could then, other shareholders permitting, acquire the majority. If the request is refused, Daimler will have the right to be bought out by the other shareholders.

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Loss rises at Marine Midland

MARINE Midland Banks, the American subsidiary of HSBC Holdings, reported a second-quarter net loss of US$37 million, bringing losses for the first half of this year to US$109.3 million (US$19.8 million loss).

The poor performance of property and commercial loans due to weak economic conditions in America was blamed for the losses.

The deficit from April to end-June was 43 per cent more than in the same period last year and bodes ill for the results of the British-based parent company, which also fully owns the flagship Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The group last year suffered a 21 per cent drop in interim net profits and a 35 per cent fall for the full year, its first profit decline since 1967.

Marine Midland and the Hongkong Bank of Australia contributed most of the losses. The Hongkong Bank injected US$300 million of equity last year in a bid to rescue the American offshoot.

Trafalgar win

Trafalgar House has declared its recommended cash offer for Davy Corporation unconditional in all respects. The offer will remain open until further notice. Trafalgar owns about 63.88 per cent of the issued capital.

Denmans falls

Denmans Electrical's pre-tax profits slipped from £645,000 to £574,000 in the half year to end-March because of substantial bad debts and adverse market conditions. But the interim dividend is held at 1.65p.

UK Land

UK Land, the property company, capitalised £1 million of interest in the six months to end-March and not £2.3 million as stated in *The Times* yesterday.

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Bank of England 'misled' over Arrow probe lawyers

By Our City Staff

The Bank of England was misled by senior National Westminster Bank managers when they failed to secure fresh legal advice over the group's handling of the Blue Arrow affair despite promising new lawyers would be consulted, a court was told.

The high street group's own enquiry into the handling of a big Blue Arrow stake by County NatWest, its merchant bank, discovered a failure to disclose under the Companies Act had been caused by "serious lapses" in administrative control and problems from "Chinese Walls" at the bank.

Roger Barnes, assistant director of banking supervision at the Bank of England, told an Old Bailey jury that when County's running of the 1987 Blue Arrow £837 million cash call was criticised, he was assured by NatWest that fresh legal advice would be taken.

The court heard the assurances came from Tom Frost, NatWest chief executive, and Sir Philip Wilkinson, deputy chairman, in spring 1988. He agreed next year he learned no such step was taken.

Alun Jones, QC, defending Stephen Clark, County's finance director, asked: "Did you have any feeling that you had been misled by Philip Wilkinson and Tom Frost?" Mr Barnes replied: "Certainly what happened was not what they said they were going to do, so in that sense, yes, we had been misled." Mr Jones: "Pretty poor behaviour by senior people at NatWest?" Mr Barnes: "I would certainly have felt let down — the degree of how let down you felt was whether it was something that had slipped someone's mind or something consciously withheld, which would be more worrying."

The regulator denied he had known Mr Frost had three times "put off" a new firm of solicitors being brought in. The exchange followed Mr Jones criticising NatWest's own enquiry into the Blue Arrow saga as a whitewash. But Mr Barnes denied counsel's claim that he "felt rather defensive" about his own failure to "inquire more closely into the integrity of senior people at NatWest Bank." The court heard Sir Philip was appointed to the Board of Banking Supervision in September 1988 but resigned the next year after the publication of the Department of Trade's own investigation into the Blue Arrow rights issue.

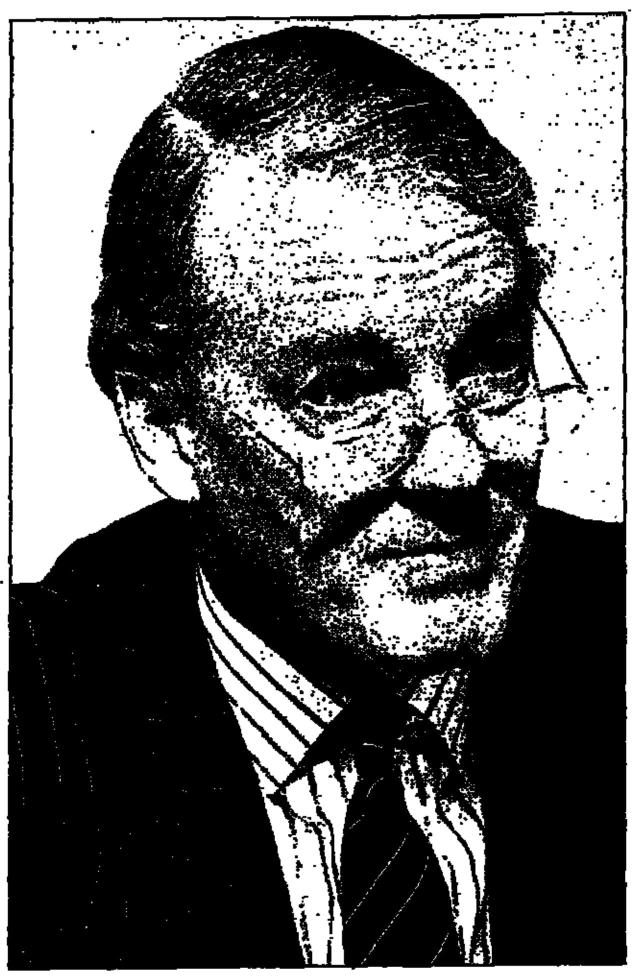
Mr Barnes told the jury he became concerned in the affair in 1988 when because of press criticism the deal had become a cause of "anxiety and embarrassment" to NatWest. He said the issue was both controversial and important.

He said his stance was that as the Bank had been assured by NatWest there was a "solid story" behind the affair, the full facts should be known to defuse criticism. By May 1988, Mr Barnes had read NatWest's report of its internal investigation and went to interview the author, Sir Philip, to tie up "loose ends".

He said his main concern was the role of County's securities arm in handling a parcel of Blue Arrow shares and the use of the Companies Act exemption to market-makers over disclosure.

Mr Jones asked: "Did the report strike you that this was a whitewash of NatWest's role in the affair?" Mr Barnes: "No, but it did not strike me as a satisfactory explanation." He agreed the report made no reference to senior NatWest managers' involvement and said at the time he saw no significance in the result of the issue being stated as a 38 percent take-up rather than the 48 per cent announced.

County, NatWest Investment Bank, UBS Phillips & Drew Securities, and seven individuals deny conspiring to mislead the market over the issue. The trial continues.



'Assurances over fresh team': Tom Frost of NatWest

Equitable Life buys Arlington portfolio

By Matthew Bond

ARLINGTON Securities, the wholly owned property subsidiary of British Aerospace, has sold a portfolio of business park properties to Equitable Life Assurance for almost £67 million.

Barry Holmes, marketing director of Arlington, said he was delighted with the deal, which marked the end of a prolonged period when the company had felt property values had fallen too far to making selling a sensible proposition. Mr Holmes indicated that the deal was not so much a turning point in the market, as an encouragement.

"We believe this will act as a fillip to encourage people down the same road," he said.

The 17 properties in the portfolio bought by Equitable Life have been acquired on yields of 8¼-9¼ per cent. Equitable Life already owns a number of other investment properties bought from Arlington.

The sale confirms anecdotal evidence that some institutions are beginning to show renewed interest in the property market, largely because property yields have remained historically very high, despite the recent sharp fall in interest rates.

Arlington was acquired by BAe two years ago in a deal worth £278 million. Since then, however, the company has been badly hit by high interest rates and falling property values.

In the year to last December, Arlington made a pre-tax loss of £19 million, compared to a profit of £30 million the year before.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Nissan UK appeals on arbitration ruling

NISSAN UK, the independent car distributor headed by Octav Botnar, yesterday started a legal action against the decision by Nissan, the Japanese motor manufacturer, to withdraw Nissan UK's exclusive distribution rights.

Nissan UK is challenging, in the Appeal Court, the ruling in May by Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, the vice-Chancellor, that the dispute must go to arbitration in Japan and his refusal to grant an injunction preventing the Japanese manufacturer going ahead with plans to start its own distribution network. Anthony Grabiner QC, for Nissan UK, said that if no injunction was granted, arbitration may take four years. He added: "This appeal is really life or death as far as Nissan UK is concerned. If it fails, the result will be that the company is literally finished." The appeal is expected to last another five days.

Profits fall at Eliza Tinsley

ELIZA Tinsley, the building products group, has given a warning that difficult trading conditions have continued into the current financial year, bringing down sales. Pre-tax profits slipped to £830,000 (£1.32 million) in the year to end-March, but a final dividend of 3.4p maintains the total at 5.2p. Net current assets are £2.64 million, with net assets per share 94.5p. Shares rose 3p to 80p.

Dividend cut at AIM

AIM, the aircraft interiors manufacturer, saw its profits for the year to end-April slip from £2.48 million to £2.28 million. Earnings, however, rose from 10.8p to 11p but the final dividend was cut from 6.6p to 4p, leaving the total down from 9p to 5.5p. The company said that continued increase in output from the aviation division and lower interest rates should ensure improved profitability this year.

US deal lifts Boots

SHARES in Boots advanced 9p to 415p on the news that the company has signed an agreement with Warner-Lambert, a leading American pharmaceutical group, to co-promote Manoplax, Boots' congestive heart failure drug.

In return, Boots Pharmaceuticals Inc, the American drugs subsidiary, will promote Lopin, Warner-Lambert's cholesterol-reducing drug. Terry Steel, Boots' director of investor relations, said Boots will gain by Manoplax being distributed by Warner-Lambert's American sales force. He would not disclose the financial arrangements but said there were "very good financial incentives on both sides to perform." Analysts expect Manoplax to yield annual profits of £30 million to £60 million by the mid-Nineties.

Dudley drops to £340,000

DUDLEY Jenkins Group suffered adverse trading conditions at its list broking business that helped cut pre-tax profits to £340,000 in the year to end-April (£766,000). But a final dividend of 2.7p makes a total increased from 3.8p to 4p. Tylan Bahcheli, the chairman, said that although 1990-1 had been a difficult year, the group had a strong balance sheet and net cash. The shares fell 2p to 105p.

Consultant pegs payout

ASSOCIATED British Consultants, the structural engineering consultant, suffered a fall in pre-tax profits to £1.14 million from £2.47 million in the year to end-April. The dividend is held at 6.4p out of earnings per share down from 20.7p to 9.5p. The company said that levels in its core business activity appeared to have generally stabilised, although prospects were difficult to discern.

Gain for Heywood

HEYWOOD Williams, the glass distributor, has secured a recommendation for its initially hostile takeover bid for Thurgar Bardex, the plastic products maker, by raising its offer by 20p a share. The offer stands at 180p in cash and one new Heywood Williams ordinary share for every ten Thurgar Bardex shares held. The increased offer values Thurgar Bardex at £9.2 million and each of its shares at 43.2p.

Heywood Williams already speaks for 27.82 per cent of the shares through market purchases and acceptances of the original offer, including an irrevocable undertaking from family trusts holding 17.59 per cent of the shares. Thurgar Bardex shares were unchanged at 43p. Heywood Williams's rose 3p to 257p.

Failure of union talks 'may delay inflation goal'

Rein in Spain stays tight

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

THE breakdown of talks aimed at a "competitiveness pact" with the trades unions will oblige the Spanish government to keep the fiscal and monetary reins tight, according to Carlos Solchaga, the economy minister.

His remarks, which followed the failure last week of pay and productivity discussions between the unions, employers and government, suggest that the authorities are prepared to accept slower growth rather that lower their anti-inflationary guard.

With reduced scope for monetary easing this quarter, the peseta, the strongest currency in the European exchange-rate system, appears set to remain firm, while any plans to narrow its ERM fluctuation bands from 6 per cent to 2.25 per cent are likely to be delayed.

Señor Solchaga confirmed that the public sector deficit will overshoot target again this year. The 1991 deficit is expected to be about 2 per cent of the gross domestic product, more than double the original forecast. Last year, the deficit was 4 per cent of GDP, against a forecast 1.7 per cent.

Señor Solchaga said the failure to meet fiscal targets was "not a major problem". The deficit was no worse than Britain's and would not necessarily add to inflationary pressure this year. But he said the goal of roughly halving Spanish inflation to an annual 3 to 4 per cent might now be delayed by up to two years due to the failure to secure a competitiveness pact.

He was not ruling out lower interest rates entirely, but said further cuts would have to depend on how much inflation slowed.

☐ France's trade deficit widened sharply in June to show a first-half deficit 50 per cent larger than in the same period in 1990. Official figures showed a seasonally adjusted deficit of 3.81 billion francs, after a 1.95 billion shortfall the previous month. The cumulative deficit for the first half was 21.96 billion francs.

Jobs go as P&D closes office

By Neil Bennett, Banking Correspondent

UBS Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker, is closing its Liverpool office with the loss of 16 jobs, while Union Bank, its Swiss parent, has opened a merchant banking subsidiary in Singapore, it announced yesterday.

Phillips & Drew said that the staff from Liverpool office would be offered jobs in London, although there might be some redundancies. The gilt trading and settlements operations will be transferred to London.

The new subsidiary in Singapore will concentrate on corporate finance and capital market issues. The offshoot will have an initial capital of Sin$50 million (£17 million).

The changes came as Switzerland's largest bank revealed that it is recovering after a 9 per cent fall in profits last year.

The bank said that group profits in the first half of the year were higher than in 1990, but gave no figures.

Net interest earnings had been boosted by the stronger dollar, a statement said.

The bank's assets rose by SFr9.2 billion (£3.6 billion) in the half year to reach SFr196 billion.

Lending grew by 3.8 per cent in the second quarter to SFr121 billion, although the growth in customers' deposits was less than 1 per cent, the bank said.

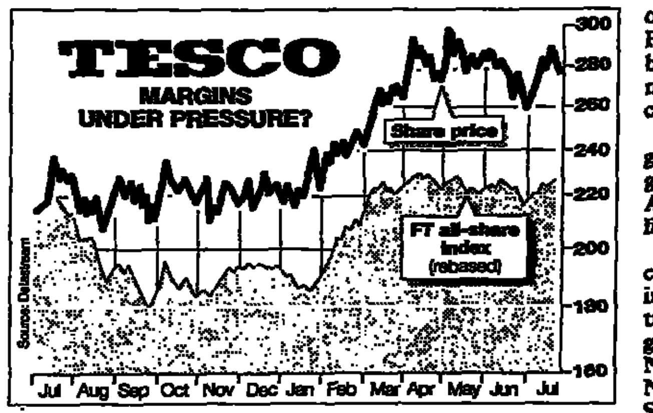
STOCK MARKET

BT shares spurred by hopes of agreement with Oftel

HOPES that **British Telecom** may be close to an agreement with Oftel, the industry's regulatory authority, on network pricing sent its share price climbing 11p to 374½p. Almost 7 million shares changed hands amid the growing belief that any agreement could pave the way for the government to proceed with the sale of its remaining 51 per cent of BT.

The rise in the price was also a signal for fund managers to begin increasing their weighting in the shares before the sale. Dealers believe the government will want to complete the disposal before the next general election. The rise in BT helped the rest of the equity market to scale fresh heights. A total of 652 million shares were traded. But prices closed below their best after Wall Street surrendered an encouraging start. The FT-SE 100 index ended 29.4 higher at an all-time high of 2,587.9, having touched 2,594.7.

Dealers said the index was spurred by the futures market where the September series closed at 2,627.0. The FT index of 30 shares added 32.3 at 2,006.1. But government securities failed to participate in the celebrations, ending £½ cheaper at the longer end.



They are still overshadowed by last week's £1 billion issue of 9 per cent convertible stock, 2011. Stores benefited from the view that the recovery will be consumer-led. **Argos** rose 8p to 327p, **Body Shop** 3p to 269p, **Boots** 9p to 215p, **Dixons** 12p to 234p, **Kingfisher** 11p to 538p, **John Menzies** 9p to 349p, **Ratners** 5p to 151p, **Sears** 4p to 82p and **WH Smith A** 17p to 440p.

Reports of the first signs of a pick-up in the tourist industry lifted **Forte** by 7p to 258p and **Ladbroke** by 14p to 267p. **Dunhill**, the luxury goods group, jumped 12p to 497p on suggestions that it could soon find itself on the receiving end of a bid from **Rothmans International**, down 10p at £10.53. Rothmans' price has been strong on claims that it could be under threat itself from Richemont, which is based in Switzerland and which has close connections with the South African Rembrandt Group. Richemont already owns 66 per cent of Rothmans' shares.

Tesco, the supermarket chain, fell 3p to 279p after a downgrading by James Capel, the broker. Capel has cut its forecast for this year by £15 million to £255 million after claiming there are signs of a slowdown in sales. This also points to margins being under pressure with previous estimates now looking a little optimistic. Tesco met UBS Phillips & Drew, its own broker, yesterday and the market is awaiting its conclusions.

The other supermarket groups made headway with gains for **Asda**, 3p to 97p, **Argyll**, 3p to 314p and **William Low**, 4p to 308p.

The water companies received further support from institutional investors attracted by their yields. **Anglian** firmed 2p to 2p to 378p, **Northumbrian** 6p to 389p, **North West** 2p to 376p, **Severn Trent** 4p to 343p, **Southern** 3p to 343p, **South West** 3p to 364p, **Thames** 9p to 388p, **Welsh** 4p to 390p, **Wessex** 4p to 389p and **Yorkshire** 7p to 393p.

Reuters benefited from interim figures at the top end of expectations with the shares adding 15p at 794p. **Metal Bulletin**, the publisher of specialist magazines that is quoted on the USM, surged 31p to 171p on learning that Elsevier, the Dutch publishing group which is its biggest shareholder, had sold its holding of 13.2 per cent to Emap, the British publisher, at 170p a share. Speculators are now taking the view that a full bid may follow.

British Aerospace hardened 4p to 564p on the news that its Arlington property division had disposed of 17 properties to Equitable Life Assurance for £67 million.

Claremont Garments began trading at 170p after the demerger from **Alexon**. The shares ended at 163p while Alexon opened at 465p in their new form and closed at 390p.

News that it had arranged extra facilities with banks sent **National Homes Loans** diving 31p to 38p.

Michael Clark

Shares in Delta, the electrical cables and engineering group, are being bought for recovery potential, gaining 11p to a peak of 406p. They are benefiting from improving investment attitudes towards South Africa, where it has significant interests. Interim figures in September are expected to show flat earnings but Delta is set to take advantage of an upturn.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
July 22	August 2	October 24	November 4

Call options were taken out on: 22/7/91 Amstrad, ASDA, Barratt Devs, Brent Walker, Burton, Holmes Protection, Markheath Secs, Scottish Heritable, Tusker Res. Put: Doctus.

WORLD MARKETS

Dow slips after early rise

New York

BLUE chips slipped in choppy morning trading after an early, program-driven advance. The Dow Jones industrial average was one point lower at 3,011.97 after rising by about 17 points. Analysts said the quick nature of the early advance indicated that individual buyers were absent.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended mixed in thin trading. The Nikkei index firmed 53.69 points, or 0.24 per cent, to 22,758.98. Trading was narrow and featureless.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index finished 21.47 points up to close at a record high of 4,009.82, slightly higher than the previous record of 4,009.35 last Friday.

☐ **Sydney** — The market closed steady after a day of mixed support for leading shares. The all-ordinaries index closed at 1,570.6, up 0.3 of a point.

☐ **Singapore** — Share prices continued to rise over a broad front. The Straits Times industrial index rose a further 7.65 points to close at 1,499.05. *(Reuter)*

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New York:
Dow Jones .... 2998.43 (−14.54)*
S&P Composite .... 381.43 (−1.45)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 22758.98 (+53.69)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 4009.82 (+21.47)
FT-SE Euro 100 ...... 1118.62 (+4.95)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 94.8 (+0.4)
Sydney: AO .... 1570.6 (+0.3)
Frankfurt: DAX ...... 1632.94 (+9.91)
Brussels:
General .... 5707.15 (−15.17)
Paris: CAC .... 468.12 (+1.25)
Zurich: SKA Gen .... 546.8 (+1.9)
London:
FT.—A All-Share .... 1234.10 (+13.58)
FT.— "500" .... 1371.71 (+15.40)
FT. Gold Mines .... 203.4 (−6.6)
FT. Fixed Interest .... 94.45 (−0.02)
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Shares break out of the doldrums

COMMENT

At the end of June, share prices seemed ready to fall out of the narrow trading range of 2,450 to 2,550 traced by the FT-SE index since March. Yesterday, after a faltering surge last week, the index broke out decisively upwards. Institutions have lots of cash and they have seen short-term interest rates fall by four points in nine months. The urge to buy has been stayed for many by the deepening recession and a series of rights issues has allowed others to invest money in equities without committing themselves to the market in general.

A slowdown in the rate of big new issues prepared the way for prices to rise but there was a missing link. Optimistic noises about the economy were not backed by tangible evidence. In that dilemma, the investment cycle might well have reverted to tradition, with the big money going first from cash into gilt-edged and bonds, while the recession worked through and inflation tumbled. In the event, the missing link that was needed arrived on Monday. At last, one economic indicator showed a clear sign that the economy had stopped declining. The sharp rise in retail sales was also a peculiarly important sign. The Treasury has been relying on consumer spending to get the economy moving into the sharp recovery the Chancellor predicted in his Budget for the election year to mid-1992. Perhaps, as suggested in this column yesterday, the feared long, shallow recovery might even be the V-turn the government so desperately wants. There is, however, still plenty to go wrong.

The encouraging economic news is not yet established as a trend. The latest figures from building societies show no evidence of a recovery in the housing market, whose traditional place in the vanguard of recovery may have been lost due to the fear of unemployment among the housebuying classes. Further falls in interest rates could be scuppered by events in Germany or even Spain. For the moment, however, good news will be noticed, bad company profits and prospects will be played down and any setbacks to share prices will be dismissed as mere short-term profit-taking.

BCCI waves

The backwash from BCCI has started to make waves in the financial system. Big bank failures often trigger a flight to quality that threatens other secondary financial institutions. Wholesale depositors decide that is better to be safe than sorry. They forget for a while about earning the highest interest and transfer their money to the banks that are biggest, have the highest credit-rating or are backed by an implicit guarantee from their home country's government or banking authorities. There has been little sign so far of any great movement of funds in the money markets. That is further evidence that BCCI stood out like a sore thumb. Its trouble was unique, not generic.

Yesterday, however, National Home Loans, the mortgage company, was obliged by rumour to make standby arrangements even though it had suffered no drain of deposits. Its problem is that it takes money from local authorities, whose mug-punting peers lost so much in BCCI.

If any group is likely to turn like a flock of sheep in a flight to quality it is surely these public bodies, where bureaucrats eager to protect their backs are controlled by worried politicians and worthies. BCCI was the worst but not the first recent example of silly investment of local authority funds. They were involved in earlier small bank failures and the swaps affair. In future, no-one investing local authority money could have any excuse from the financial and legal consequences of losing it this way. This could be bad news for some fringe banks, but is a problem specific to this kind of depositor. Sound institutions should readily be able to follow National Home Loans' example and there is no cause for any widespread loss of confidence.

Soft touch

The long-awaited and pricey deal for Daimler-Benz to take a big stake in Gemini Sogeti (CGS) the world's fourth largest operator in its field, is only the latest in a series of deals in the computer software and services business in which British companies have more often been pawns than builders. Daimler-Benz has developed a tendency to play with large stakes in recent times, be it in the business of defence or aircraft manufacturing, or as in this case, IT services. This is in some contrast with British Aerospace, whose exit from SD-Scicon led to another unhelpful melee in the British industry.

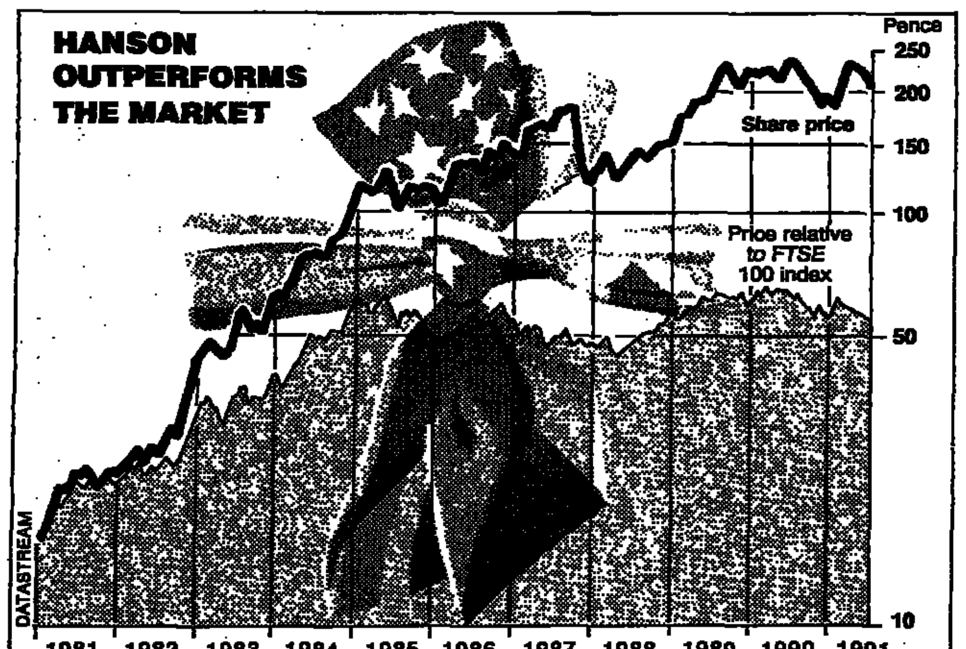
At present, Daimler-Benz operates an embryonic IT business which pools the company's service businesses. There can be little doubt about the attraction of software as a solid international industry of the future.

Serge Kampf, the executive chairman and indirectly the majority owner of Sogeti, estimates that 10 years ago 90 per cent of the information technology market was accounted for by hardware. Today, the hardware and services sides are of about equal size in a total market worth around $350 billion. In 10 years, he predicts, services will account for 90 per cent, reversing the original stakes. In financial terms, this industry is still scarcely taken seriously in Britain.

Lord of the buyers' market

Hanson, swelled by acquisition, still gives the impression that it is seeking a new destiny.

Angela Mackay reports



LORD Hanson and his advisers are dining with institutional investors this week to give them some idea of his company's short-term plans regarding ICI, in addition to a general game plan for the future of Hanson plc.

It is a pitch they will be fascinated to hear. Fund managers are already very familiar with Lord Hanson, deal maker extraordinaire, who over the past ten years has vindicated their investment with continuous growth in dividend and earnings per share.

From a haulage operation based in Hull, Lord Hanson and his close colleague, Lord White, have, by acquisition, steadily built an impressive international business spanning tobacco, building products, batteries and minerals.

Over the past decade, they have paid £95 million for Ever Ready, $185 million for McDonough, £260 million for UDS, $530 million for US Industries and £245 million for London Brick.

In 1986, Hanson bought SCM for almost $1 billion and then spent £2.5 billion to buy Imperial Tobacco. These purchases were followed rapidly by Kaiser Cement, Kidde, Consolidated Goldfields, which alone cost £3.2 billion, Peabody Coal and Cavenham Forest Products.

For the past year or so, Hanson has looked ready for another acquisition even though ConsGold's disposal programme is incomplete. At one stage, it seemed interested in buying PowerGen but since then the £240 million spent on the 2.8 per cent stake in ICI is its only big investment.

Speculation about a purchase intensified in April (just before Hanson bought the ICI shares) when the company boosted gross cash balances. Cash already stood at almost £7.5 billion and Hanson raised £500 million through the issue of convertible eurobonds.

When Hanson was revealed as the buyer of the ICI shares, the City was initially consumed by bid fever. This has been tempered by Lord Hanson's mild response to the furore and the dissemination of the Hanson line, "We just want to see ICI realise shareholder value".

> 'When Hanson emerged as the buyer of ICI's shares, the City was initially consumed by bid fever'

Suspicions were aroused again when the market realised Lord Hanson had been to see Sir Denys Henderson, ICI's chairman, who rebuffed a merger proposal. Long-time Hanson watchers were familiar with the peer's preferred approach — the friendly merger — and over the past few years had seen it successfully employed to buy ConsGold, Kidde, Peabody and Cavenham Forest Industries.

ICI's response has been predictable. The group has gone into "bid mode", employed a series of advisers and is preparing for the worst, which ICI's board believe may follow the announcement tomorrow of sharply lower profits.

Hanson's publicity machine, on the other hand, has focused on ICI's tardy approach to its restructuring which is aimed at shedding peripheral businesses, cutting the workforce and concentrating on those divisions that can compete globally. Hanson can afford to point a finger at ICI considering Hanson shares yield about 7.1 per cent compared with ICI's 5.7 per cent. However, more details on the chemical giant's restructuring are expected when the results are unveiled.

While the market has an indication of where ICI wants to go, it is not as clear about Hanson's future.

Lord Hanson and Lord White are approaching retirement and their skills as financial rocket scientists are considered to be the linchpin of the company's success.

A bid for ICI and the sale of unwanted businesses would certainly occupy them until they fade to Palm Springs, and the bid would deposit Hanson plc inside an envelope big enough to cope with its deficiencies as well as its assets.

The Times has already highlighted the complexities of Hanson's accounting and tax planning and the increasing effort its takes to maintain the quality of those value-adding features.

Some tension has also developed between Hanson's trading surplus and the amount of dividends paid. Funds generated by surplus on trading dropped sharply in 1990, from £724 million to £255 million, while dividends paid climbed from £295 million to £382 million.

Moreover, the company has already admitted that the taxable profits it earns in Britain are insufficient to cover the advance corporation tax on its dividends. Last year for example, the shortfall caused Hanson to write off £82 million of ACT. One way to combat this problem would be for Hanson to acquire a company with significant earnings in this country, and certainly ICI would fit that description.

Pessimists suggest Hanson's merger proposal to ICI was in the style of Saatchi's mooted bid for Midland Bank in 1988 and Slater Walker's failed merger with Hill Samuel, the merchant bank, where both companies tried to find partners just before their fortunes turned.

An alternative gaining favour in the City is that Hanson will try to consolidate its share of ICI profits by increasing its stake to 20 per cent and obtaining a place on the board. This would cost more than £2 billion and tie up company cash in a low yielding asset but on the plus side, Hanson would have a blue-chip investment which it could subsequently broke to another predator.

Hanson's institutional investors — a large number of whom also have stakes in ICI — would not like to see the value of their investments in Hanson devalued by the company making a doomed bid. They may be happy, however, to help Hanson apply enough pressure on ICI to get his lordship's foot in the door to help the chemicals group maximise greatest value for shareholders.

Hanson's full-year profits to September 1991 are expected to show an increase from £1.285 billion to between £1.3 billion and £1.32 billion, according to a range of City analysts. Some £140 million of this figure is profit from the sale of ConsGold assets.

Analysts from BZW and Phillips & Drew, the stockbrokers, agree with City opinion that to mantain growth, Hanson needs another acquisition.

ICI is waiting to see if Hanson is intent on livening up the summer months by making it the target.

TOMORROW: ICI plans its restructured future

Reuters look stronger through American eyes

TEMPUS

THE skill in assessing Reuters Holdings, whose shares relative to the British market have fallen by 40 per cent during the past year, is to judge it through American eyes.

The American holding of Reuters' equity, while still a substantial 38.7 per cent, is down from 48 per cent during a ten-month period and America's investment moods still have a decisive influence on price movements.

At face value, Reuters' interim results for the six months ended June 30, showing operating profit down from £151.6 million to £148 million, but pre-tax profit, helped by net interest received, up from £167.1 million to £170.1 million, is little to get excited about. Reuters also gave a warning that the days of double-digit revenue growth are temporarily over.

The London assessment is that Reuters would do well to advance this financial year to £330 million pre-tax from 1990's £320.1 million. Meanwhile, the higher interim dividend at 4.7p (4.4p) is welcome and the increased net cash balances of £448.3 million (£235.2 million) are comforting.

The City's view, therefore, is that if the recession is about to be seen to have reached the bottom and business activity picks up — which, in turn, would spur the launch date of Reuters' new product lines — perhaps the shares are worth holding. At 794p, up 15p, the shares trade on 15.1 times earnings.

State-side, where the recession has more obviously reached the bottom and the investment mood grows stronger, analysts are more positive.

On balance, strong net cash balances that generate respectable interest income, coupled with planned cost efficiencies aimed at making organic growth more solid, make Reuters at current levels worth a second look after its recent poor price performance.

P&P

The cost of P&P's fight with the computer manufacturers turns up in the shape of a £2 million exceptional provision in the interim figures, which leaves pre-tax profits halved at £3.3 million. That they were not lower underlines the wisdom of the company's progression from shifting boxes to what it calls service and solutions.

Less than a quarter of P&P's profits — but a third of sales, which illustrates the problem — came from distribution in the half year, a period which brought in the prestigious £1.1 million facilities management contract from Unilever.

P&P enters the second half with net debt of just £1.5 million, or gearing of 2.7 per cent, another reason why the board has the confidence to lift the half-time dividend. Progress has slowed but if the company can make the £8 million that 'shop' broker Hoare Govett looks for in the full year, the shares, at 82p, or less than 9 times earnings, have their medium-term attractions.

Southend

TWO crucial things were missing from Southend Property Holdings' unsuccessful bid for Frogmore Estates — a cash alternative and Southend's results for the year to March.

The latter was put right yesterday, although too late to change the outcome of the bid, which lapsed four weeks ago. While they certainly would not have changed the result, the figures show that Southend is riding the property slump reasonably well, albeit with the help of its non-property businesses.

After disposals, rental income rose modestly to £16.6 million, lagging behind Southend's total interest bill of £18.4 million, but covering property-related debt. This cover explains why the company is relaxed about net borrowings of £158 million.

Pre-tax profits were more than halved to £3.1 million while net assets per share fell to 141p, slightly below the 147p indicated at the time of the bid. A further fall looks likely this year, to about 130p, putting the shares on a discount of 35 per cent. No hurry to buy.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyons.	500	74	90	98	1	4½	9
(*571)	550	24	51	62	1½	14	22
	600	1	23	37	30	37	44
ASDA	90	7	8½	13½	1	5	6½
(*97)	100	1	5	8½	5	11	12
	110	1	2½	5½	16	19	20
Bass	880	64	90	-	1½	10	-
(*939)	929	12	57	-	4	28	-
	977	1	30	-	47	55	-
Boots	330	86	96	99	1	1	2
(*415)	360	56	67	72	1	3	5
	390	27	42	49	1	6½	11
Br Airways.	140	33	37	40	½	1½	3½
(*172)	160	13	21	26	1½	5½	8
	180	1	9½	14	9	15	19
BP	330	19	27	33	1	6½	9½
(*348)	360	1	11	17	13	19	23
	390	¼	3½	7½	43	46	46
Br Steel	120	6	11	14	½	3½	6
(*126)	130	1	5½	8½	6	8	11
	140	½	2	4½	16	16½	18
C & W	500	70	85	98	½	4	8
(*570)	550	22	46	60	1½	17	23
	600	1	21	35	35	42	50
CU	460	62	65	80	1	5	8
(*522)	500	23	35	52	1	15	20
	550	1	13	27	32	45	48
Courtauld	390	47	60	69	1	4	8
(*433)	420	17	37	48	1	11	17
	460	-	16	27	-	30	33
GKN	300	62	63	70	1	3½	5½
(*364)	330	32	37	47	1	8½	12
	360	4½	20	30	4	22	26
Grand Met.	700	94	105	125	1	6½	14
(*793)	750	44	67	89	1	18	28
	800	4½	37	59	12	41	51
ICI	1250	57	95	137	2	41	50
(*1300)	1300	12	68	109	10	65	69
	1350	1½	48	85	52	92	95
Kingfisher	460	82	90	103	1	4	8
(*539)	500	42	57	73	1½	11	16
	550	1	24	42	14	30	39
Ladbroke	220	45	51	54	1	3	6
(*267)	240	25	32	38	1	7	11
	260	6	18	27	2½	16	20
Land Sec	460	43	56	64	1	3½	8
(*500)	500	4	25	36	5	15	22
	550	1	5	14	52	52	54
M & S	240	44	52	56	1	1½	3
(*284)	260	24	34	41	1	4	6½
	280	6	19½	27	3	9	14
Sainsbury	326	48	54	62	1	1½	4½
(*370)	356	17	31	40	1	7	12
	386	1	13	24	16	22	25
Shell	460	83	92	97	1	3	4
(*542)	500	43	55	62	1	8	11
	550	2½	23	37	13	28	33
Smkl Beech	750	95	112	130	1	5½	11
(*834)	800	45	74	95	1	15	22
	850	4	43	65	14	35	42
Storehse	100	12	17	-	1	2½	-

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
(*110)	110	2	9½	-	3	6	-
	120	1	5½	8	11	12	15
Trafalgar	231	2¾	20	24	5	16	24
(*230)	251	1	12	16	24	26	40
	271	1	6½	11	44	47	55
Ultramar	260	12	21	30	1½	8½	11
(*271)	280	2	10	17½	13	20	22
	300	½	5	10½	33	36	36
Unilever	650	115	128	-	1	2	-
(*763)	700	65	85	100	1½	6	11
	750	16	48	65	2	19	27
	800	1	21	39	42	47	54
Utd Bisc	330	55	64	68	1	2½	4½
(*385)	360	25	38	46	½	7½	12
	390	1½	18	27	9	19	25
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA	390	36	49	-	3	7	-
(*419)	420	16	29	39	12	19	25
	460	3	12	22	44	45	48
BAT Ind	600	150	150	-	1	1	-
(*739)	650	100	102	122	1	6½	10
	700	53	62	85	4½	18	25
	750	19	33	55	25	40	47
BTR	360	55	60	69	1½	4½	8
(*412)	390	30	36	48	4	13	16
	420	11	20	32	17	28	32
Br Aero	550	25	39	57	11	25	29
(*554)	600	7	18	33	47	55	60
	650	1¼	7	18	95	97	100
Br Telecm.	330	46	48	53	1½	4	6½
(*375)	360	17	27	33	6½	11½	15½
	390	3	11	17	26	28	33
Cadbury	360	25	35	46	5	11	15
(*377)	390	8	19	29	19	26	29
	420	3	9	-	46	49	-
Guinness	900	103	123	150	1½	11	15
(*1000)	950	59	86	112	6	20	27
	1000	30	57	83	24	39	45
GEC	180	11	18	21	2	4½	6½
(*187)	200	2	7	11	14½	15½	18
	220	½	2½	5½	34	34	34
Hanson	200	19	26	28	1½	4½	8
(*214)	220	5	12	15½	8½	11	16½
	240	1	5	7½	26	26	30
LASMO	330	36	46	58	4	10	14
(*360)	360	13	28	39	13½	21	24
	390	3½	15	-	35	41	-
P & O	500	68	75	84	2	10	13
(*565)	550	27	40	54	11	27	32
	600	6½	18	30	42	58	64
Pilkington	140	18	25	27	2½	5½	8
(*157)	160	6	12	16	10	13	17
	180	2	6	9½	27	28	30
Prudential	220	26	29	36	1½	5	6½
(*242)	240	10	17	23	6½	12	14
	260	2½	8½	-	20	25	-
		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Racal	200	29	36	42	1	5	7½

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
(*224)	220	13	23	28	6	12	15
	240	5½	13	19	17	21	24
RTZ	550	40	53	72	5	14	21
(*578)	600	11	28	43	27	38	42
	650	2½	11	25	72	75	79
Scot New	360	55	57	62	2	4	8½
(*413)	390	25	35	42	7	14	18
	420	7½	20	27	25	29	35
Tesco	253	31	-	-	1½	-	-
(*279)	280	10	19	27	7½	12	14
	300	3	8½	17	23	25	26
Thames W.	350	40	50	57	2	4	7
(*388)	370	22	33	42	3½	8½	12
	400	5	16	24	20	23	25
Lucas	130	19	22	24	2½	5½	7
(*148)	140	10	16	17	4½	8½	11
	160	2½	6½	8½	17	22	24
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Fisons	460	48	63	74	1	6	10
(*506)	500	8	34	47	1½	17½	23
	550	1	12	24	46	46	47
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abbey Nat.	260	41	49	55	2	3½	6
(*299)	280	24	33	40	4½	8	11
	300	11½	21	28	14	17	19½
Amstrad	45	10	12	13½	2	4	4½
(*52)	50	5½	8½	11	4	6	6½
	60	2	4½	7	9½	11	12
Barclays	420	56	65	77	3½	7½	12
(*474)	460	24	39	49	16	20	26
	500	8	20	30	43	45	50
Blue Circ	220	43	47	54	1¼	4	6½
(*260)	240	24	32	39	5	9	12
	260	13	22	29	15	18	21
Br Gas	220	55	56	57	1½	2	3
(*275)	240	35	36	39	2	3½	6
	260	16½	22	27	7	9	11
	280	5½	12	16½	18	19	21
Dixons	180	58	62	-	1	1½	-
(*234)	200	38	45	52	2	4½	6
	220	23	31	35	6	9	12
Eurotunnel	420	55	70	85	10	18	23
(*455)	460	28	45	60	25	35	40
	500	11	30	43	53	60	63
Forte	240	26	31	39	4	6	9
(*258)	260	12	18	26	9½	14	16
	280	5	10	15	24	26	28
Glaxo	1200	122	149	180	18	30	40
(*1274)	1250	84	117	147	34	47	55
	1300	53	90	120	57	67	77
Hawker	500	82	90	102	4	12	17
(*570)	550	42	55	70	16	27	33
	600	16	31	45	42	55	60
Hillsdown	200	32	37	42	2	4½	6
(*230)	220	17	23	29	7	11	13
	240	7	13	18	17	22	23
	260	2	6½	-	37	37	-

	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Lonrho	240	26½	34	38	4	7	13½
(*264)	260	12	21½	25	12	15	23
	280	5½	12½	-	25	28	-
Midland	160	40	-	-	1½	-	-
(*195)	180	22	29	35	4½	6½	9½
	200	9½	17	23	13½	15	19
	220	4	9½	14½	27	30	34
Reuter	700	120	144	173	6	15	23
(*794)	750	79	106	130	15	28	37
	800	45	77	97	34	48	60
	850	25	53	74	65	76	85
R-Royce	140	19	22	25	2½	4½	6½
(*156)	160	6½	10	15½	12	14	16
	180	1½	4½	-	27	28	-
Sears	70	13½	16	18	1	2	3
(*82)	80	6½	9	11½	3½	5½	6½
	90	2¾	5	-	9½	11	-
Thorn EMI	650	87	103	115	4½	10	13
(*727)	700	49	66	83	13	24	28
	750	23	39	54	36	47	50
	800	8	-	-	77	-	-
TSB	130	19	21	22	1½	3	5
(*147)	140	9½	13½	15½	5	6	8½
	160	2½	4½	7	17	19	21
Vaal Reefs	70	8½	12½	15	6	8½	11
(*$71)	80	4	8½	10½	12	14	17
Wellcome	650	100	115	135	7	15	21
(*729)	700	63	80	102	19	30	37
	750	34	54	75	41	53	57
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastrn Elec	160	26	31	36	2	3	5
(*184)	180	10	17	21	5½	8	11
	200	2½	8	11	19	20	23
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Nat Power.	130	22	23	25	3	4½	6
(*151)	140	13	16	17	6	7½	9½
	160	2½	6	8½	19	20	22
Scot Power	90	18	21	-	1¼	1½	-
(*104)	100	9½	14	-	3	4½	-
	110	4½	8	-	9	10	-

FT-SE INDEX (*£2588)

	2450	2500	2550	2600	2650	2700
Calls						
Jul	155	105	58	20	4	1
Aug	175	131	90	57	32	15
Sep	195	153	119	85	57	36
Oct	213	170	136	103	77	55
Dec	-	215	-	148	-	95
Puts						
Jul	1½	4	7	23	70	109
Aug	9	15	26	45	74	142
Sep	18	26	40	68	91	130
Oct	28	38	51	80	105	138
Dec	-	53	-	102	-	142

July 23, 1991 Total: 37159 Calls: 23974 Puts: 13185 FT-SE: Calls 5663 Puts 6307

*Underlying security price.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Zoo cheque

SIR Tim "Tinker" Bell, the image consultant who helped Mrs Thatcher to three election victories, likes to keep something up his sleeve for a rainy day. Sir Tim, who was awarded his knighthood in March, has been brought in by the London Zoo to boost its prospects and hopefully to save it from closure. Perhaps it is no small coincidence that he has also been quietly advising John Major on his image. And a stay of execution by the prime minister on the eve of an election might be just the sort of coup Sir Tim has in mind.

Desert swarm

THE military precision with which NCNB and C&S/Sovran, the American finance houses, broke the news of their imminent merger was greeted with knowing nods on Wall Street. For NCNB, which owns Panmure Gordon, the London agency broker, seems to be run by hardened military veterans. Hugh McColl, the overall head, is a former United States marine who keeps a hand grenade on his desk and counts Norman Schwarzkopf among his close friends. "Quite a few of us are military," says JG Richards Roddey, head of European operations and ex-United States airforce, who is based in London.

A CITY journalist who moved house arranged with the post office to have his mail redirected. The head postmaster wrote back confirming the arrangement. But he sent his letter to the wrong address and it had to be redirected.

Tup man

PAUL Theakston, who ran the 164-year-old Theakston brewery before it was taken over by Scottish & Newcastle four years ago, may have had the last laugh in a the family dispute that saw many of his kin backing the bidder. Theakston, who is busy setting up his own independent brewery next door to his old premises in Masham, North Yorkshire, had hoped to call his venture Lightfoot but found S&N had already registered the name. Now, in a move that would appear to be heavy with irony, he has decided to call it The Black Sheep. "Many consider him the black sheep of the family," says one insider.

Buzz fizz

ONLY the hardiest City drinkers are likely to be found at the Corney & Barrow champagne bar on Old Broad Street. Having installed a sound meter on account of the constant loud drilling from an adjacent building site, the unfortunate manager is now battling to cope with the steamy weather. A digital thermometer has been installed beside the sound meter and half-price drinks are on offer if the temperature rises above 75 degrees. Since the same deal applies if the noise exceeds 90 decibels, the right conditions could mean free drinks all round. And they'll need them.

Each-way bet

LORD King's decision not to contribute to Tory party funds this year has not been followed in some quarters. Alistair Grant, the 54-year-old chairman and chief executive of Argyll, which owns Safeway supermarkets, is playing safe by making a £30,000 donation to Conservative party funds, the same as last year. Argyll is also donating £2,000 to Policy Research Associates for assistance to democratic political parties in Eastern Europe.

JON ASHWORTH

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	2,489	Cadbury	1,163	Lonrho	2,417	Royal Bank	1,202
Alld-Lyons	3,589	CU	651	Lucas	2,011	Royal Ins	571
Anglian	504	Courtaulds	1,588	M&S	9,970	Sainsbury	1,891
ASDA	4,304	Enterprise	1,488	Maxwell Cm	714	Scot & N	1,572
AB Foods	772	Eurotunnel	286	MEPC	1,333	Scot Power	1,572
Argyll	3,084	Fisons	1,821	Midland	1,123	Sears	9,678
Arjo Wigg	3,353	Forte	5,717	Natl Power	13,164	Severn Trnt	2,227
BAA	639	Gen Acc	1,231	Nat West	4,526	Shell	3,810
BET	3,341	GEC	9,460	N W Water	3,128	Smith & N	5,337
BTR	5,239	Glaxo	1,594	P&O	1,086	SK Beech	2,057
BAT	2,178	Grand Met	2,894	Pearson	205	Sun Allnce	1,121
Barclays	3,739	GUS 'A'	548	Pilkington	6,860	Tarmac	2,944
Bass	1,490	GRE	1,370	PowerGen	5,178	Tate Lyle	4,371
BICC	1,345	Guinness	1,479	Prudential	10,270	TSB	2,065
Bk Scotlnd	3,449	Hanson	8,441	Racal	5,090	Tesco	6,592
Blue Circle	2,373	Hawker	473	Rank	1,221	Thames Wtr	1,376
BOC	893	Hillsdown	1,785	R&C	372	Thorn EMI	858
Boots	4,407	ICI	1,535	Redland	1,897	Trafalgar	3,782
Br Aero	1,888	Inchcape	1,268	Reed	1,244	Ultramar	3,689
Br Airways	2,162	Kingfisher	2,307	Rentokil	174	Unilever	2,526
Br Gas	7,905	Lasmo	277	Reuters	1,808	United Bis	606
Br Petrol	5,667	Ladbroke	8,759	RMC Gp	804	Wellcome	584
Br Steel	4,843	Land Sec	1,388	RTZ	2,279	Whitbrd	2,938
Br Telecm	6,868	L&G	1,883	R-Royce	5,122	Williams	1,563
C&W	8,143	Lloyds	3,246	Rothmans 'B'	835	Willis Cor	1,509

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Etonbrook	68
Eurocamp	246 +8
Faber Prest	181
Geared Inc (100p)	107 +2
Greencore	217 +2
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Headline Book (100p)	123
Manchester Utd (385p)	286 +1
Mirror Group (125p)	97 +6
Miekin Grp	15
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Smaller Inv Tst (500p)	63
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Tollgate	85 −2
Trio Inv Tst (50p)	38
Unichem	156 +3

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RIGHTS ISSUES

Airsprung Furn N/P	18
British Fittings N/P	15
Bula Res N/P	¼
Caverdale N/P	¾
Countryside N/P	2
Eng & O'seas N/P	¼
Ex-Lands N/P	1½
Hewetson N/P	1¼
Marylebone N/P	4
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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Br Borneo	Oil,Gas	
2	HSBC	Banks,Discount	
3	T & N	Industrials S-Z	
4	Severn Trent	Water	
5	Simon Eng	Industrials S-Z	
6	Weir	Industrials S-Z	
7	Usher Walker	Paper,Print,Adv	
8	Coats Viyella	Drapery,Stores	
9	Wagon Ind	Industrials S-Z	
10	Unigate	Foods	
11	Smiths Ind	Industrials S-Z	
12	Tate & Lyle	Foods	
13	Wates	Property	
14	Berkeley Gp	Building,Roads	
15	Hambros	Banks,Discount	
16	Cable Wireless	Electricals	
17	BET Ord	Industrials A-D	
18	Cadbury-Schwp	Foods	
19	Stakis	Hotels,Caterers	
20	Fairey Group	Industrials E-K	
21	ECC Group	Industrials E-K	
22	Johnston	Industrials E-K	
23	Courts Furnishers	Drapery,Stores	
24	Ultramar	Oil,Gas	
25	AB Food	Foods	
26	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
27	EMAP	Newspapers,Pub	
28	Wimpey G	Building,Roads	
29	Renishaw	Industrials L-R	
30	Ocean Group	Transport	
31	Broken Hill	Industrials A-D	
32	Welsh Water	Water	
33	ACT Group	Electricals	
34	Cannon St	Industrials A-D	
35	Wheasoe	Industrials S-Z	
36	Johnson Matthey	Industrials E-K	
37	Kwik-Fit	Motors,Aircraft	
38	Yorkshire Water	Water	
39	Smith David	Paper,Print,Adv	
40	Wilson (Connolly)	Building,Roads	
41	Lamont	Textiles	
42	THORN EMI	Electricals	
43	Norcros	Industrials L-R	
44	Trafalgar H	Industrials S-Z	
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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

There were no valid claims for the Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday. The £2,000 will be added to today's competition.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares at new high

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 15. Dealings end July 26. §Contango day July 29. Settlement day August 5.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BREWERIES

BUILDING, ROADS

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

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ELECTRICITY

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L-R

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OILS, GAS

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TRANSPORT

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WHY ARE WE INVESTING DURING A RECESSION?

TSB
GROUP

If we held investment back, our profits might well improve – in the short term. But they'd suffer in the long run; and so would our customers, employees and shareholders.

Investment is crucial to all our business plans. So we're putting money into training, technology, branch refurbishment and new working practices.

In retail banking, for example, we're taking the paper out of our branch offices; refurbishing over 800 branches in the next 3 years; increasing sales space and sales staff; cutting waste and unnecessary bureaucracy. This year, investment in training has increased more than 50%. It's part of our drive to improve quality, service and profitability.

Of course, the recession affects us as it does others. In particular, it affects the level of provisions we must make against bad and doubtful debts. But we have the financial strength to look beyond the recession and continue to build our business.

In this way we can maintain our competitiveness: thus providing our customers with services of the highest quality, and building long-term value for our shareholders.

Through the recession and beyond.

Banking and beyond.

ASSETS: £27 billion. SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES: £1.7 billion. CURRENT AND DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS: £23 billion. ADVANCES: £17 billion. FUNDS UNDER MANAGEMENT AND ADVICE: £26 billion.
TSB: TSB Retail Banking; TSB Life & Pensions; TSB General Insurance; TSB Unit Trusts; Hill House Hammond. HILL SAMUEL: Hill Samuel Bank; Hill Samuel Financial Services; Hill Samuel Investment Management; Hill Samuel Private Banking Services. COMMERCIAL: Noble Lowndes; Swan National; TSB Property Services; Wescol.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Masterinc Acc	89.65	95.35e	+0.26	2.19
Intl	92.43	98.77	+0.13	1.32
Div/Gth	49.55	52.69e	+0.76	5.69
Global Gth Sec	51.59	54.88	-0.02	1.82
Ethical	49.49	52.53e	+0.26	3.19
High Inc Equity	136.3	144.9e	-0.1	5.87
W'wide Bond	203.5	217.5c	-0.4	8.80
Gilt/Fixed	112.8	119.6e	+0.4	9.62
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580				
30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ Tel: 071-374 6881				
Am Inc/Gth	31.10	32.98	+0.01	2.41
Euro	71.77	76.15	+0.12	0.30
Euro Inc	74.29	79.36	+0.19	1.56
Exmpt	785.4	790.3e	+8.0	5.17
Extra Inc	39.41	42.54e	+0.45	6.88
F/E Emerg Ec	52.08	55.93e	+0.05	1.14
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing0793 610366				
High Inc	355.4	379.8	+1.8	5.36
Equity Inc	190.6	202.9e	+9.6	5.04
High Yield	209.4	223.0	+2.6	4.87
Balanced	548.8	584.4e	+7.3	3.27
Am Inc	35.07	37.34c	+0.01	4.28
World Ass Val	32.99	35.13	+0.78	1.59
Japan	137.5	145.8	..	0.01
Sec of Am	310.1	330.2	-1.3	0.01
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544				
Capti	90.99	97.57	+1.14	3.60
Euro Gth Inc	93.04	99.24	-0.08	1.80
Extra Inc	94.34	100.9	+0.20	6.38
General	202.9	217.0	+2.6	3.93
Gt/Fxd Income	51.30	53.16	+0.08	10.01
Inc Trust	421.6	450.9e	+1.6	6.20
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 081-658 9002				
Amer Gth	67.23	71.17e	-0.37	0.40
Am Sm Cos	76.23	81.15	-0.22	0.20
Australia	80.67	85.19	+0.15	1.90
Convertible	44.84	47.74e	+0.26	8.40
East	139.5	148.7	+1.6	1.20
Equity Inc	75.55	80.37	+0.94	5.90
Euro Gth	175.9	187.4	+1.0	2.20
Euro Smlr Cos	153.4	163.6	+0.4	1.40
Exmpt	70.02	72.30e	..	4.00
German Gth	45.74	48.67	+0.22	1.00
Global Gth	83.34	88.98	+0.53	1.00
Jap Gth	156.7	167.7u	+0.6	0.00
Jap Sunrise	148.4	158.1	+0.6	0.00
Portfolio	98.71	102.8	+0.00	3.70
Do Acc	166.0	172.9	+1.6	3.70
UK Growth	55.58	59.12e	+0.52	4.20
UK Smlr Cos	67.16	71.82	..	2.90

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Do Acc	56.47	63.19	+0.20	1.38
F East/Gen	48.37	51.45	+0.35	0.00
Do Acc	48.37	51.45	+0.35	0.00
Glenfriars	224.7	239.1	+0.4	2.55
Do Acc	343.5	299.1	+0.4	2.55
Growth	298.6	318.6	+4.0	2.87
Do Acc	487.8	518.8	+6.5	2.87
Inc &Gth Inc	322.6	343.0e	+4.7	3.00
Do Acc	402.6	428.4e	+5.9	5.00
Master Portfl	83.88	88.07e	+0.77	2.85
Do Acc	83.36	88.05e	+0.86	2.85
Spec Sits	84.81	88.74e	+0.85	3.08
Do Acc	72.77	77.42e	+0.98	3.06
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	£10.42	10.75	+0.13	5.40
Do Acc	£11.24	11.59	+0.14	5.40
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
3, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14 9GJ. Tel: Telephone: 071-955 5050 Dealings : 071-955 5055				
Amer Index	150.4	160.5	+0.8	1.91
Capti	470.4	502.0	+8.3	3.72
Euro Index	109.7	117.0	+0.5	1.82
Euro Growth	71.96	76.79	+0.36	1.77
Far East Gth	68.72	73.34	+0.50	1.24
Global Bond	19.66	21.15e	+0.04	6.72
Gold Gen & B	69.31	73.99e	-1.49	8.33
Hong Kong	45.94	49.13	+0.22	2.85
Income	441.5	471.1	+0.8	5.28
Intl Sp Sits	81.69	86.05e	+0.29	2.15
Jap Gth	204.5	218.7	-0.1	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	31.74	33.91	-0.17	0.00
Jap Index	82.45	88.62	+0.45	0.21
N Amer	310.2	331.9	+1.0	1.58
Sing Malay	38.84	41.54	+0.79	0.00
Tiger Index	94.83	100.9	-0.20	1.11
UK Index	107.8	115.0e	+1.2	4.18
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 071-606 0708				
Amer Portf	58.06	62.10	-0.31	1.75
Euro Port	61.98	66.02	-0.21	0.88
Jap Portf	44.19	47.10e	-0.29	0.00
Pacific Portf	62.05	66.73	+0.22	3.00
Portf	58.77	62.88e	-0.08	2.92
UK Inc/Gth	58.70	60.01	+0.19	5.42
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815				
Inv	520.4	534.6	..	5.37
Fixed Int	134.7	136.3e	..	10.71
Deposit		100.0	..	10.80
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815				
Income	507.0	509.4e	..	5.70
Acc	£16.28	16.53	..	..
Deposit		100.0	..	10.89
Fixed Int Inc	108.5	109.0e	..	10.84
Do Acc	121.1	121.3e	..	..
CIGNA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 577555				
Oriental Op Acc	62.80	66.81	+0.87	1.27
Japanese	53.38	56.65	-0.55	0.00
UK Balan Inc	96.73	102.9e	+1.10	3.39
Do Acc	109.2	116.2e	+1.2	3.39
UK Gth Accum	158.9	169.0	+1.7	2.13
UK HI Inc	114.5	121.8	+1.1	5.71
UK HI Inc Acc	120.6	130.8	+1.1	5.71
N Amer Acc	80.53	85.67e	-0.44	1.07
Euro Acc	104.5	111.6c	-0.2	0.25
UK Pref/FI Inc	54.09	57.39e	+0.02	8.59
Do Acc	77.53	82.25e	+0.03	8.29
Intl Sp S Acc	41.02	43.64	+0.34	0.85
Emerald Opp	54.06	57.51	+0.43	1.40
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
41, Hasker Gardens London SW7 4JH Tel: 071 373 7261				
Endurance	147.8	156.7	..	1.87
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480				
Eqtble Pelican	103.0	109.5	+0.90	5.16
High Inc	107.7	113.4	+1.51	6.34
Gt/Fxd Interest	47.08	49.89e	+0.01	10.11
T Of Inv Ts	111.1	118.9	+0.91	3.24
Spec Sits	95.29	100.3	+1.34	4.45
N Am	75.52	79.92	-0.06	1.13
Far East	172.8	181.7e	+0.38	1.38
Intl Gth	75.94	79.94	+0.41	2.29
Euro	58.86	69.53e	+0.36	1.87
Smlr Cos	51.57	54.29e	+0.41	4.97
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231				
UK Gth Accum	260.9	277.6	+3.7	3.48
Do Inc	196.1	208.7	+2.8	3.48
Higher Inc Acc	455.8	484.7	+4.9	4.98
Do Inc	301.6	320.9	+3.2	4.98
Gilts/Fxd Acc	136.8	145.0	+0.2	8.91
Do Inc	81.20	85.45	+0.06	8.91
N America	168.7	179.5	-0.7	0.00
Far East	229.9	244.6	+2.0	0.32
Europe	203.8	216.7	-0.1	0.00
Genl	380.4	363.5	+4.6	3.45
Genl Acc	373.1	397.0	+4.9	3.45
Br Excellence	54.61	58.10	+0.96	3.26
Br Fdatn Inc	57.41	61.08	-0.20	6.32
Do Acc	67.40	71.71	-0.25	6.32
Global Ops	56.3	59.9	+0.3	0.25
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161				
American	160.9	170.1	+0.3	0.00
Cash Unit		130.87	e+0.03	11.31
European	96.82	103.5	+0.10	0.00
Gth/Inc	123.3	132.3	+1.2	5.88
Inc Plus	103.0	110.5	-0.4	7.57
UK Gth	50.83	54.61	+0.32	0.00

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Global	80.68	84.84	+0.08	0.30
European	59.63	63.76	-0.06	1.87
Japan	99.3	106.2	+0.7	0.81
Strategic Opp	45.97	49.17	+0.65	2.20
Intl Currency	46.82	49.84	-0.04	8.57
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M22AF Tel: Enquiries: 061-236 5685 Dealings:061-236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
Am & Gen	94.62	100.8	+0.11	0.51
Do Acc	100.5	106.9	+0.11	0.51
European	58.13	61.77	+0.29	1.38

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Convertible	22.18	23.57e	+0.40	8.27
Eurofund	32.62	34.34	+0.14	1.16
Exmpt Mngd	148.8	152.0	+1.4	3.78
Extra Inc	62.74	66.97e	+0.61	7.09
Growth/Inc	206.1	219.0c	+3.7	4.81
High Dist	141.3	150.1	+0.5	6.93
High Inc	99.61	105.6	+1.10	6.81
Inc/Growth	118.5	126.5e	+1.4	6.13
Intl	272.1	289.1e	+2.8	1.52
Intl Inc	59.76	64.56e	+0.33	6.30
Pacific	39.10	41.54	+0.35	0.96
Smlr Jap Cos	66.51	70.67	-0.04	0.00
Tokyo	174.9	185.2	+1.0	0.00
Ex Am 2	181.6	188.1	-0.6	1.51
Ex Jap 3	118.8	122.1	..	0.06
Ex Smlr Jap 4	579.7	595.6	..	0.06

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Sp Sits	82.12	87.83	-0.05	0.00
UK Cap Inc	139.9	148.8c	+0.9	4.38
Do Acc	229.9	250.5	+1.5	4.38
Do Spec Sits	61.31	64.88	+0.40	2.09
Inc Fund	99.31	106.2	+0.40	7.70
Intl	185.7	198.5	+0.4	1.28
US/Genl	64.77	68.82	-0.43	0.68
Jap & Genl	372.4	395.9	+0.8	0.00
Far East/Gen	196.5	210.2	+0.5	0.33
Euro	318.0	338.8	+0.3	1.14
Germany	85.67	90.77	+0.39	0.46
Intl Inc	55.47	59.07	+0.22	5.66
W'wid Spec Sit	91.15	97.49e	+0.55	9.13
Global Prp Inc	47.19	50.48	+0.33	2.92
Do Acc	48.76	52.15	+0.35	2.92
Smlr Cos Div	37.56	40.17e	+0.11	7.08

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Inc	309.0	328.5	+1.1	1.31
British Inc	795.1	841.2	+1.4	5.98
Euro Inc	319.9	340.6	-1.1	1.84
Jap Inc	118.8	126.9	+0.3	0.06
Pacific	175.6	186.6e	+1.5	1.94
Mngd Cash	95.84	100.66	..	10.87
Major Star Inc	93.84	100.8e	+0.02	10.85
PEP	134.6	142.4	..	3.90
Saints PPP	284.0	298.2	..	0.00
SUN ALLIANCE				
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex Tel: 0403 56293				
Equity Acc	602.4	644.3	+1.7	3.31
NAm Acc	79.87	85.42	+0.15	1.09
Far East Acc	95.93	102.6	+1.00	0.77

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Holb	23.16	24.77	+0.11	3.60
Holb Cash Hvn	104.49		+0.02	
Holb Equity	572.2	612.0	+8.11	3.35
Holb Eqty Inc	69.21	74.02	+0.88	4.79
Holb Euro	139.6	149.3	+0.61	1.70
Holb Global	62.72	67.07e	+0.43	2.41
Holb High Inc	76.62	81.83e	+0.58	6.17
Holb Intl	121.8	130.00	..	1.70
Holb Intl SC	51.91	55.51	-0.02	1.54
Holb Japanese	140.1	149.8	+0.57	0.00
Holb N Amer	96.99	102.9	-0.80	1.04
Holb Pac Mkt	59.24	63.34e	+0.21	2.86
Holb Premier	42.28	44.02x	-0.05	6.70
Holb Smlr Cos	63.17	67.55	+0.53	3.15
Holb Spec Sits	62.16	67.07e	+0.69	3.53
Holb UK Gth	93.57	100.0	+1.01	3.42

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capti Income	84.06	89.90e	+0.79	2.84
Do Acc	125.5	130.3e	+1.2	2.84
Euro Gth Inc	135.7	144.5	+0.8	1.06
Do Acc	168.5	179.4	+1.1	1.06
Extra High Inc	62.97	67.35e	+0.11	7.19
Do Acc	97.83	104.6e	+0.10	7.19
Gt/Fxd Income	50.80	52.68	+0.09	9.82
Do Acc	117.7	122.5	+0.2	9.82
High Yield	193.8	207.3	+0.8	6.41
Do Acc	414.2	443.0	+1.8	6.41
Income	253.8	271.4c	+2.7	4.63
Do Acc	487.2	521.1c	+5.2	4.63
Intl High St Dis	59.10	63.21	+0.47	1.59
Do Acc	82.44	86.78	+0.49	1.58
Jap Growth	275.4	294.4	+2.0	0.00
Do Acc	290.1	310.1	+2.1	0.06

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Stockmkt Fnd	52.59	55.94	+0.65	3.25

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** Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) e Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
26	21	ASB Bamett			–	–f	–	–
94	39	ASD	73	78	–			5.4
21	11	ATA Selection	8	13	–	1.3h	11.8	–
4½	2	Abaco Group	1½	2½	–	–	–	–
18	12	Aberdeen Pet	15	16½	–	–	–	21.8
38	21	Aberdeen Stk Hse	18	23	–	–	–	39.8
200	168	Acal	180	185e	–	7.2	3.7	9.5
18	12	Acorn Comp	12	14	–			
142	92	Alan Paul	99	94e	-1	4.5	4.9	6.9
41	17	Albrighton	15	20	–			1.9
142	86	Allen	122	124e	–	6.5	5.3	8.4
40	20	Amberley Gp	27	30e	–	2.0	6.9	14.2
19	12	Anglo Pac Res	12	15	–	–g	–	–
13½	2½	Apollo Watch Prods	2½	3½	–	–	–	3.2
195	88	App Holographics	85	90	-7			
182	77	Ashtead	127	137	-3	5.5h	4.2	4.8
165	85	Aspen Comms	120	125	-7	10.8h	8.8	5.9
338	255	Asprey	255	270e	–	6.5	2.5	14.2
8	3	Assoc Energy	2	3½	–	–	–	–
55	40	Assoc Farmers	48	53	–	–	–	–
158	68	Assoc Nursing	75	78	–	4.0	5.2	6.9
23	11	Atlantic Sec			–			
773	648	Atlas Equipment	755	765	–	26.9f	3.4	17.3
5	3½	Audit General			–	0.41		
53	33	Automagic	30	35	–	1.9	5.8	6.8
25	14	BBB Design	17	20	–	2.8h	14.7	3.5
9	4½	BCE	5	7	–			–
116	30	BLP Group	28	32	–	1.7	5.7	–
54	37	BWD	50	53e	-1	2.7	5.2	17.9
45	30	Basmoco	33	40	–			
48	22	Beckenham	25	28e	–	1.3	4.8	3.4
65	20	Bedford (William)	25	30	–			
138	95	Benson Crisps	134	138	–	3.7	2.7	10.9
70	50	Berry,Birch & Noble	50	60	–	2.0	3.6	16.1
301	145	Better Cons Prods	278	284e	-13	6.2	2.2	20.2
92	70	Bilston&Battersea	65	75	–	4.0	5.7	14.0
27	12	Bio Isolates	25	27	–			14.1
15	5	Bioplan	7	8e	–	0.1	1.3	31.3
167	65	Blatchley Motors	98	107	–	10.5	10.2	7.8
66	28	Bluebird Toys	40	45	–			9.0
43	24	Border TV	41	43	–	2.8	6.7	16.5
35½	14½	Borland	28½	29½	–			
182	130	Bosmore Ind	170	180	–	8.5	4.6	8.6
65	30	Br Bloodstock	35	45	–	–	–	–
20	4	Br Thornton	12	17	–	–	–	–
4½	2	Bula Resources	2	2½	T –	–	–	–
99	33	Business Tech	55	60	–	2.0	3.4	20.9

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
220	185	Great Southern	205	212	–	11.3	5.4	15.7
153	108	Green (Ernest)	120	126	–	9.3	7.5	4.7
9	4½	Greenacre	6½	8	–	0.3	4.0	20.8
8	5	Greenwich Comms	4	6	–			
11	7	Goldshome	5	9	–	0.1	1.4	–
188	121	Hadleigh Inds	118	123e	–	8.7	7.2	6.8
22	6	Halls Homes	4	7	–	1.3	21.7	–
31	22	Hampden Homecare	22	27	–	0.3	1.2	12.0
221	78	Hamley Walker	115	120	–	10.7	9.1	8.9
20	11	Harmony Leisure	10	13	–	–	–	–
7½	2	Hawthorn Leslie	2½	3½	–			
255	203	Headlines	185	220e	-10	4.1	2.0	25.4
195	180	do 'A' LV	140	160e	-8	4.1	2.6	20.1
35	16	Heritage	20	25	–	–	–	–
25	20	Hey & Croft	20	25	–	–	–	–
70	55	Hickam	55	65	–	–	–	7.1
13	4½	Hobsons	4½	5½	-1			
125	75	Holders Tech	70	80	–	8.0	10.7	10.1
50	20	Honeysuckle Gp	27	32	–			
250	160	Hornby	188	192	–	12.0	6.3	8.5
11	3	Hughes Food			–			
242	108	Huntleigh Tech	220	230	–	4.0	1.8	17.9
113	50	INSTEM	75	80	–	3.8	4.9	5.3
10	5½	Isoco	6	7	–			
95	43	Intercare Gp	85	88e	–	2.3	2.6	22.5
249	83	Interlink Express	240	250	–	11.2	4.0	10.1
17½	8	Intl Comms & Data	13½	15 r	–	–	–	6.5
4½	2	Intl Media	1½	2½	–	–	–	–
64	30	Intl Resort	52	57	–	–	–	8.0
4½	1½	JMD Group	2½	3	–	–	–	–
8	6	Kemp (PE)	5	7	–	–	–	–
25	9	Kenmare Res	11	13	-1			
287	163	Kewill Systems	263	272	–	6.7	2.5	6.6
63	41	LPA Ind	43	46e	–	4.7	10.2	7.9
286	183	Lambert	240	250	–	15.0	6.1	7.1
35	20	Laser-Scan	18	21	–			4.2
70	42	LIMS Plc	47	52	–	0.6	1.8	–
38	36	LCW	33	38	–	1.3	3.6	46.6
81	70	Linear	67	72	–	8.8	9.7	5.0
8½	3	Lincoln Hse	3	3½	–			0.8
155	118	Lon & Clydeside	145	155e	–	9.3	6.2	8.6
124	88	Lon Forfaiting	120	125	–	9.7	7.9	21.7

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
18	8½	Vistec	11	11½e	+½	0.3	2.7	11.8
14	8	Welpac	10½	12 r	–	–	–	25.0
78	55	Wessex	65	70	–	4.7	6.9	10.9
18	12	Wentworth	12	15	–	0.1	0.7	8.2
44	30	Wescol	35	38	–	–	–	21.3
8½	3	Westpoo	2½	3½	–			
32	21	West Scaffold	19	22	–	2.7	12.9	28.3
32	7	Wharfdale	27	30	–			90.8
34	26	Whitney Mackay	25	28	–	1.3	4.9	10.1
95	50	Wood John D & Co	62	70	+3	2.0	3.0	–
38	15	Wld of Leather	30	33	–			
167	121	Wyevale	153	165	–	4.5	2.8	19.2
68	45	Wyko	45	50	–	3.7	7.7	11.0
7	2½	XCL Basics	2½	3	–	–	–	–
7	5	Xtra-vision	3	7	–			
133	120	Young Group	120	125	–	6.9	5.6	13.7

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
13½	9½	Alliance	13¼	13½	+¼	53.3	3.9	33.6
183	125	Amer Trust	179	190	+¾	6.3	3.5	43.9
280	212½	Ang & O'seas	282	287	+5	8.2	2.9	41.1
87	67	Anglo Scot Inv Tst	78	81	+1	6.0	7.5	15.6
106	90	BZW Conv	94	95½		8.0	8.4	21.3
114	77	Bankers	113	114e	+1¼	4.1	3.6	35.4
146	105	Berry Starq	131	134	–	2.4	1.8	31.9
89½	63	Br Assets	85½	86½	+½	5.3h	6.2	25.6
53	43¼	Br Empire Sec	51½	52¼	+½	1.0	1.9	60.7

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
35	27½	Independent Inv Co	27	28	-½	0.6	2.2	30.7
114	89½	Inv Cap	113	115	+1	6.7h	5.9	23.6
97	76	Ivory Smr Cpt Inc	89	91e	–	9.1	10.3	11.9
147	130½	Ivory Sims 5% Pf	146	148	–			
181	128	Kleinwort Charter	157	159e	+2	6.5	4.1	25.9

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 91.1 (day's range 90.8-91.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 23	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.3237-3.3336	3.3259-3.3295	¾-⅝pr	1⅞-1¾pr
Brussels	60.63-60.98	60.70-60.91	15-11pr	34-28pr
Copenhagen	11.3916-11.4417	11.3972-11.4206	2-1pr	4⅜-3⅜pr
Dublin	1.1043-1.1059	1.1044-1.1054	20-14pr	38-28pr
Frankfurt	2.9534-2.9595	2.9550-2.9595	¾-⅝pr	1⅞-1¾pr
Lisbon	252.08-253.65	252.65-253.65	119-360ds	265-417ds
Madrid	183.55-184.62	183.73-184.35	20-25ds	69-83ds
Milan	2195.45-2203.58	2197.07-2201.74	par-1ds	1-3ds
Montreal	1.9288-1.9469	1.9432-1.9469	0.40-0.35pr	0.72-0.62pr
New York	1.6705-1.6820	1.6810-1.6820	0.78-0.77pr	2.06-2.04pr
Oslo	11.4920-11.5356	11.4984-11.5200	⅞-⅝pr	2⅜-2pr
Paris	10.0188-10.0517	10.0188-10.0331	1⅜-1⅛pr	4⅜-4pr
Stockholm	10.6777-10.7188	10.6777-10.7009	1⅜-1pr	1⅜-1pr
Tokyo	229.13-230.52	230.21-230.52	¾-⅝pr	2⅜-2pr
Vienna	20.76-20.83	20.76-20.79	4⅜-3⅜pr	10⅜-8pr
Zurich	2.5809-2.5893	2.5860-2.5893	¾-⅝pr	1⅞-1¾pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	16678.0-16694.7
Australia dollar	2.1638-2.1667
Bahrain dinar	0.625-0.633
Brazil cruzeiro *	580.45-581.30
Cyprus pound	0.801-0.811
Finland markka	7.0825-7.1425
Greece drachma	321.90-325.10
Hong Kong dollar	12.9880-12.9997
India rupee	42.81-43.21
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.6675-4.6721
Mexico peso	5000-5100
New Zealand dollar	2.9640-2.9712
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.2225-6.3025
Singapore dollar	2.9307-2.9342
S Africa rand (fin)	5.3383-5.4226
S Africa rand (com)	4.8123-4.8203
U A E dirham	6.065-6.165

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.2913-1.2924
Austria	12.40-12.42
Belgium (Com)	36.28-36.30
Canada	1.1580-1.1585
Denmark	6.8125-6.8175
France	5.9930-5.9980
Germany	1.7620-1.7630
Hong Kong	7.7515-7.7530
Ireland	1.5163-1.5178
Italy	1314.0-1315.0
Japan	137.00-137.10
Malaysia	2.7861-2.7871
Netherlands	1.9867-1.9877
Norway	6.8710-6.8760
Portugal	150.85-151.15
Singapore	1.7494-1.7504
Spain	109.63-109.73
Sweden	6.3620-6.3670
Switzerland	1.5295-1.5305

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: June 28, 1991 Agreed rates July 24, 1991to August 25, 1991 Scheme I: 12.50%. Schemes II & III: 12.53% Reference rate June 1, 1991 to June 28, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 11.295%.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 11 Finance Hse 11½

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 11 3/16 Low 10⅞ Week fixed: 10⅞

Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 10 11/16; 3 mth 10 17/32. Sell: 2 mth 10⅝ ; 3 mth: 10 15/32.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	10 29/32-11 1/16	10 11/16-21/32	10 19/32-9/16	10⅜-10 7/32	
Sterling Money Rates:	11⅛-11	11 3/32-11 1/32	11 1/16-11	10 29/32-10⅞	10 13/16-10⅞
Interbank:	11 3/32-11 1/16	11 3/32-11 1/16	11 1/16-11	10 29/32-10⅞	10 13/16-10⅞
(Overnight: open 10⅞, close 14⅞.					
Local Authority Deps:	11	n/a	11	10 13/16	10⅞
Sterling CDs:	11 1/32-10 31/32	11 1/16-11	11-10 31/32	10⅞-10 13/16	10 29/32-10⅞
Dollar CDs:	5.98-5.93	6.00-5.95	6.05-6.00	6.32-6.27	6.67-6.62
Building Society CDs:	11 1/16-11	11 3/32-11 1/32	11 1/32-11	10 15/16-10⅞	10 27/32-10⅞

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5 15/16-5 7/16	5 15/16-5⅞	6⅛-5 15/16	6⅜-6 3/16	5⅞-5
Deutschemark:	8⅞-8⅝	8⅞-8⅝	9⅛-9	9 5/16-9 3/16	8⅞-7⅞
French Franc:	9⅛-9	9⅛-9⅛	9 5/16-9 3/16	9 5/16-9 3/16	9⅛-8⅞
Swiss Franc:	8-7⅞	7⅞-7⅞	8-7⅞	8-7⅞	8-7
Yen:	7 7/16-7 5/16	7⅜-7⅜	7⅜-7⅜	7 5/16-7 5/16	7⅛-6⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS *(Mabel & Co)*

Bullion: Open $368.30-368.70 Close: $367.80-368.30 High: $368.50-369.00 Low: $367.00-367.50 Krugerrand: $367.50-368.50 (£218.00-219.00)

Sovereigns: Old $87.00-88.00 (£51.50-52.50) New $87.00-88.00 (£51.50-52.50)

Platinum: $377.50 (£225.15) Silver: $4.31 (£2.560) Palladium: $95.50 (£56.95)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 32685	Sep 91	2604.0	2699.0	2603.0	2625.0	10981
	Dec 91	2650.0	2669.0	2650.0	2669.5	7
	Mar 92					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 127377	Sep 91	89.35	89.35	89.31	89.32	1108
	Dec 91	89.74	89.74	89.66	89.69	7962
	Mar 92	89.90	89.90	89.86	89.87	2201
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 28601	Sep 91	93.76	93.77	93.73	93.76	570
	Dec 91	93.17	93.17	93.14	93.16	45
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 109058	Sep 91	90.74	90.74	90.66	90.67	12671
	Dec 91	90.72	90.72	90.63	90.64	8054
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 3082	Sep 91	93-18	93-19	93-14	93-14	315
	Dec 91				92-23	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 34023	Sep 91	92-03	92-06	91-18	91-21	17969
	Dec 91	92-05	92-05	92-01	91-21	11
Japanese Govt Bond	Sep 91	95.46	95.48	95.43	95.47	365
	Dec 91				95.76	0
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 78050	Sep 91	84.04	84.06	83.67	83.72	45068
	Dec 91	84.08	84.08	83.94	83.89	329
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 4740	Sep 91	90.08	90.11	90.05	90.08	327
	Dec 91	90.16	90.22	90.14	90.16	100

COMMODITIES

COCOA		LONDON FOX COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
Jul	596-594	Jul	525-524	Aug	235.0-31.0
Sep	617-616	Sep	544-543	Oct	208.6-08.4
Dec	656-655	Nov	564-563	Dec	189.2-84.4
Mar	693-692	Jan	580-579	Mar	190.2-89.4
May	715-714	Mar	594-591	May	191.2-91.0
Jul	735-734	May	unq	Aug	195.2-95.0
Sep	755-754	Jul	unq		
Vol: 2906		Vol: 1761		Vol: 313	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Sep	111.40	Sep	109.70	Aug	127.00
Nov	115.00	Nov	113.50	Oct	130.00
Jan	118.50	Jan	117.00	Dec	133.00
Mar	121.75	Mar	119.45	Feb	136.50
May	124.70	May	121.05	Apr	135.30
Vol:	224	Vol:	46	Vol:	70

LONDON POTATO FUTURES Volume: 375

	Open	Close
Oct (£/tonne)	unq	80.0
Apr	101.0	99.6
May	unq	110.5

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 23

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	63.29	117.32	108.12
(+/-)	-4.44	*-6.17	-0.41
Eng/Wales:	62.23	117.88	107.18
(+/-)	-3.14	-4.91	+0.34
(%)	+29.0	-18.4	+0.6
Scotland:	72.10	112.76	111.01
(+/-)	-0.35	-8.21	-1.61
(%)	-68.0	-50.5	-20.7

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (/kg)

Jul	
Open:	89.0
Close:	89.0
Aug	
Open:	89.0
Close:	89.3
Sep	
Open:	94.0
Close:	93.5

Volume: 71

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1319.0-1320.0	1340.0-1341.0	543775
Lead (£/tonne)	322.00-322.50	333.50-334.00	88900
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1062.0-1063.0	1075.0-1076.0	251325
Tin ($/tonne)	5870.0-5875.0	5750.0-5755.0	16825
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1280.0-1281.0	1314.0-1315.0	461275
Nickel ($/tonne):	8280.0-8290.0	8280.0-8290.0	12546

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm: Crude levels continue the downturn evidenced all week as the likelihood of Iraqi crude re-appearing on the market seemed more probable.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.55	-0.50
Brent 15 day (Aug)	19.55	-0.50
Brent 15 day (Sep)	19.55	-0.40
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	21.40	-0.40
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	21.35	-0.35

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	240 (-2)	243 (-2)
Gasoil EEC	186 (-1)	187 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Aug	187 (-1)	188 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Sep	188 (-2)	189 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	71 (n/c)	72 (-1)
Naphtha	192 (-2)	194 (-2)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

Aug	183.25-83.00	Dec	188.00-87.50
Sep	184.50-84.25	Jan	185.50-84.50
Oct	188.25-86.00	Feb	unq
Nov	187.50-87.00		Vol: 7323

BRENT

Aug	19.65-19.75	Oct	19.65-19.70
Sep	19.65-19.75		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 91	1520	1515	1518
Aug 91	1542	1530	1542
Oct 91	1620	1605	1619
Jan 91	1620	1620	1620

Vol: 164 lots Open Interest: 2474

Dry cargo index 1513 -6

FOX MGMI INDEX (6pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
Sep	139.70	140.10
Oct	140.00	140.50
Dec	140.50	141.10

Vol: 270

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Results of the Institute of Taxation Associateship examination May 1991

Awards

The Institute Medal for the highest overall marks

Moira Elizabeth Brennan (Arthur Andersen & Co, Bristol)

Stanley Spofforth Medal for the paper on taxation of the income of individuals, estates and trusts

Paul Graham Braye (Grant Thornton, Bournemouth)

John Wood Medal for the paper on taxation of businesses - individuals, partnerships and companies

Susan Mary Cattell (KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, Brighton)

Gilbert Burr Medal for the paper on capital taxation

Jane Anne Lake (Pannell Kerr Forster, Nottingham)

Avery Jones Medal for the paper on practical implications, information and tax planning

Sara Keane (KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, Bristol)

Butterworth Prize for the highest overall marks

Moira Elizabeth Brennan (Arthur Andersen & Co, Bristol)

Ahmed S (Manchester); Ahmed T (Wembley); Aitman B F (Dorking); Aldred K (Mossley); Allen P M (Windsor); Anderson I H (Leeds); Backhouse S J (Wetherby); Baddeley K (Enfield); Ball J M (Liverpool); Bainforth E K (Newcastle upon Tyne); Bamforth M (Upminster); Bannister R H (Manchester); Barr A C (Hereford); Barratt S N (Oxford); Barrett J (Woodford Green); Barrett P J (Luton); Beard J (Manchester); Bedford V Y (Wakefield); Bell I E (Warrington); Ben-Nathan C V (Harrow); Bennett A N (Beckenham); Billinge J A (Enfield); Birch N R G (Lincoln); Birkett J M (Upminster); Blake H M (Cheltenham); Booth A M P (Bolton); Boreham J E (Purley); *Bothamley P J R (London); Bradford F M (Farnborough); Branklin J (Redhill); Branston T J (Old Harlow); *Braye P G (New Milton); *Brennan M E (Bath); Brett Y S (York); Brooks A R (London); Browne A E (Newton Abbot); Bubb C (Gillingham); Buckland C G (Petersfield); Burnell J (Woodford Green); Burns V (London); Burton B E (East Stour); Butler M (Guildford); Callaghan C (St Helens); Carey B J (St Albans); Cass D L (London); Cassidy M M (Edinburgh); Cater M E (Fareham); Cattell S M (Hove); Cave R A (Cambridge); Chambers A D (Milton Keynes); Chan K K (London); Chandler M J (Birmingham); Chatfield C A (St Helens); Chetwynd L A (Manchester); Choi K K C (Cambridge); Clark K F (Ashford); Clarke N P (Hitchin); Cloughton K T (London); Clutterbuck D J (Dursley); Cobb D F (Bradford); Cole J (Maidstone); Coles N O (Plymouth); Collier A L (Enfield); Conlan D (Liverpool); Coonan A J (Ipswich); Cope W D (Bracknell); Cotton P M (Harrogate); Cramer D W (London); Crawford G D (Paisley); Crombie C (Kelso); Crossley J S (Halifax); Dammant D J (Sheffield); Darnell R J (Brentwood); Davey M G (Cheltenham); Dearden P E (London); Devitt A B (Bexleyheath); Dixon M A (Sheffield); Donald A C (Stevenage); Donaldson G A (Glasgow); Dorran W J (Shrewsbury); Downing T G M (Birmingham); Dunstan J A (Exeter); Edwards N J (Sheffield); Edwards S (Doncaster); Ewing S P (Farnborough); *Fenton R J (Birmingham); 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Delay does not exonerate defendant

Regina v LeBrun

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Auld and Mr Justice Judge

[Judgment July 19]

In manslaughter, the act causing death and the necessary mental state to constitute the offence did not have to coincide in point of time. Where the unlawful application of force and the eventual act causing death were part of the same sequence of events, the fact that there was an appreciable time interval between the two did not serve to exonerate the person charged from liability.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the appeal of John LeBrun, aged 25, against conviction at Plymouth Crown Court (Mr Justice Hutchison and a jury) in March 1990 of manslaughter of his wife Joan. He was acquitted of murder and convicted of manslaughter by a majority of 11 to 1. He was sentenced to four years imprisonment.

Mr Christopher Wilson-Smith, QC and Mr Andrew Spink, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Miss Rosina Hare, QC and Mr Nigel Seed for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant and his wife were on their way home from an evening drinking with friends, when a fierce argument developed and the appellant struck his wife on the chin.

The point in the present case was that the appellant's intention to harm his wife one way or the other might have been separated by a period of time from the act which caused her death.

The unlawful blow to her chin was not delivered with the intention of doing really serious harm to her. Therefore, the *mens rea*, guilty intent, accompanying the blow was sufficient to have rendered him guilty of manslaughter but not murder had it caused death.

However, it did not cause death. On the jury's verdicts, they must have found that death was caused by her head hitting the pavement as she was being dragged away by the appellant attempting to avoid detection.

She died from bruising of the brain caused by a fracture of the skull when her head hit the pavement. At the moment of impact the appellant's intention was to remove her, probably unconscious, body to avoid detection, so that the impact might have been accidental. That might have taken place without any *mens rea* on his part.

In *Meli v The Queen* ([1954] 1 WLR 228), adopted in *R v Moore* ([1975] Crim LR 229), both murder cases, death resulted from a pre-conceived plan which went wrong and differed from the instant case. In the instant case, the *mens rea* was contained in the initial unlawful assault but the *actus reus* was the eventual dropping of her head on the ground.

The original unlawful blow to the chin was a *causa sine qua non* of the later *actus reus*. The blow was the opening event in the series which was to culminate in death, the first link in the chain of causation.

Normally the *actus reus* and *mens rea* coincided in point of time.

What was the situation when they did not? Was it permissible, as the prosecution contended, to combine the two to produce a conviction of manslaughter?

The answer was, perhaps, to be found, in *R v Church* ([1966] 1 QB 59, 71), where the Court of Appeal adopted as sound Dr Glanville Williams' statement in *Criminal Law* (2nd edition (1961) p174): "If a killing by the first act would have been manslaughter, a later destruction of the supposed corpse should also be manslaughter."

It seemed to their Lordships that where, as in the instant case, the unlawful application of force and the eventual act causing death were part of the same sequence of events, the same transaction, the fact that there was an appreciable interval of time between the two did not serve the exonerate the appellant from liability.

Certainly that was so where his subsequent actions, which caused the death after the initial unlawful blow, were designed to conceal his commission of the original unlawful assault.

It could not be said that the appellant's action in dragging the victim away with the intention of evading liability broke the chain which linked the initial blow with the death.

In short, the act which caused death and the necessary mental state to constitute manslaughter did not need to coincide in point of time.

The judge's direction to the jury in relation to manslaughter complied with the law their Lordships had endeavoured to set out.

The appeal failed and was dismissed.

Solicitors: CPS, Plymouth.

Challenge to prison regime stayed

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Leech

A person could not say that a regime under which he was incarcerated was defective when at the time of that statement being made on his behalf, he was unlawfully at large.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Hidden) so held on June 18 in staying an application for judicial review by Mark Francis Leech.

LORD JUSTICE MANN said that the prisoner was applying for judicial review complaining that he was not allowed to have uncensored correspondence with his legal adviser unless he was a party to proceedings in which a writ had been issued on which he was named a party.

The court did not think that a person could be heard to say that a regime under which he was incarcerated was defective when at the time of that statment being made on his behalf he was unlawfully at large.

The court reconciled that with its reluctance to dismiss the case by staying any further proceedings except for liberty to apply at seven days notice for it gave the court control over the future course of the proceedings.

Holding letter not a rejection of plaintiff's claim

Microfine Minerals & Chemicals Ltd and Another v Transferry Shipping Co Ltd

A letter, acknowledging receipt of a claim and stating that until further information was at hand the defendants had no alternative but to decline responsibility and would leave the matter with their brokers for their consideration and reply direct to the plaintiff, was not so clear and unambiguous a rejection of the claim as to bring an end to the suspension of the running of the limitation period for bringing an action as provided by paragraph 2 of article 32 of the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road 1965 as implemented by the Carriage of Goods by Road Act 1965.

Judge Kershaw sitting in Liverpool as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division so held on March 14 in holding that the claim of the plaintiffs, Microfine Minerals & Chemicals Ltd and Walker Chemie GmbH, against the defendant, Transferry Shipping Co Ltd, for loss or damage to goods carried by road internationally.

HIS LORDSHIP said that it was not necessary that a letter of rejection had expressly to tell the plaintiff that the time had come when he had to decide whether or not to pursue a claim through the courts if it were to comply with paragraph 2 of article 32.

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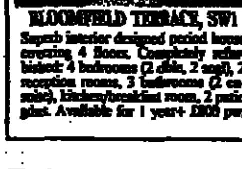

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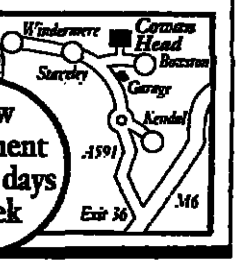

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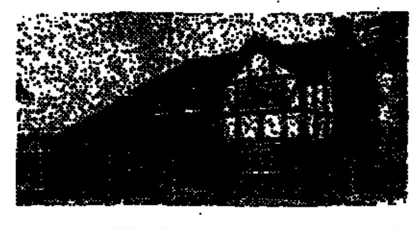

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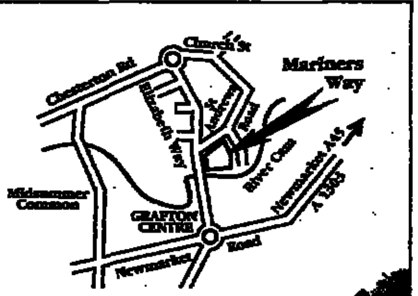

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Rich living at a reasonable price

Holiday apartments in France are cheaper than their British equivalents. Diana Wildman points to a few of the better bargains

The continuing stagnation of property sales in Britain has been felt keenly by the holiday-home market on the Continent, with France the only country showing any sign of movement as far as the British buyer is concerned.

Prices in rural France are still reasonable compared with British equivalents, but that is because the French are not interested in acquiring rural homes that need updating. This is because the purchase tax on older homes is considerably higher — up to 15 per cent — than on new homes, which have a tax of about 4 per cent, because the government wants to encourage the house-building market.

A recently published guide, *Buying a House in France*, by David Sizer (Macdonald Queen Anne Press, £7.99), gives step-by-step help for the prospective buyer.

The tax haven of Monaco continues to attract the rich and famous — a fact illustrated by the success of Seaside Plaza, a complex of 220 spacious apartments being built on the western edge of Monaco overlooking Port de Cap d'Ail. Two blocks are sold, but a good selection remains in block C, for sale off-plan. Indeed, it is possible to buy a complete floor, about 850 sq metres, and create either one vast home or build two or three separate units. Osbornes, the London firm of solicitors, is acting as the agent for the scheme. For the less adventurous, a studio costs £302,000, a one-bedroom apartment £730,000 and a 171 sq metre two-bedroom apartment is £898,000. Huge penthouses with private swimming-pools cost about £5 million.

Simon Malster, of Osbornes, says: "To be considered a resident of the pricipality for the purposes of the payment of taxes, you must spend at least six months of the year in Monaco, although this need not be in a continuous period. This condition is strictly applied. There is no tax in Monaco on any capital gains in the case of a resale and no succession taxes between spouses."

Osbornes is also selling apartments at Parc des Nereides, where construction has started on a two-acre rural site just above Nice. The landscaping and swimming-pool are nearing completion and prices range from £179,000 for a two-bedroom home.

Just west of Cannes and overlooking the sea is Cannes-Midi, a series of apartment blocks built by Société Lyonnaise pour la Construction and being sold in the UK by Osbornes. They are ideal holiday flats, small and simply finished, and are sensibly priced, with one and two-bedroom flats costing £60,000 and £97,000. There are a few larger apartments costing about £132,000.

Details: Osbornes, 93 Parkway, London NW1 7PP (071-485 8811).

GRACIOUS living in a château deep in the heart of the Charente can now be done in a practical and reasonably priced manner. The 18th century style Château de Charras set in spacious grounds is being converted into 23 one, two and three-bedroom apartments — some of which are situated in the outbuildings. There is a large swimming-pool and two tennis courts. The château is in a small village and Frank Rutherford, the London agent, believes there is good rental potential because of the leisure facilities, which a conventional country cottage does not have. Prices range from £36,000 for a one-bedroom apartment, £48,000 for two bedrooms and from £72,000 for a three-bedroom house.

Details: Rutherford, 7 Chelsea Manor Street, London SW3 3TW (071-351 4454).

NICHOLAS Beuttler of Port Grimaud Properties, based in Chichester, is selling a luxurious villa scheme being built close to Port Grimaud and overlooking the bay of St Tropez. The 40-acre scheme includes 40 large, detached villas and a number of the homes overlook the extension of the Beauballon golf course.

"The security services offered at Les Parcs de Beauballon will be second to none," Mr Beutler says. "They include a permanent guard service with regular patrol of the grounds and control barriers at the entrance. The gardens and swimming-pools will be maintained throughout the year. There will also be a service for the opening and cleaning of the houses prior to the owner's arrival."

Prices are from £630,000 to £880,000 for the two to four-bedroom villas.

Details: Port Grimaud Properties, 15 Moreton Road, Old Bosham, Chichester, West Sussex, PO18 8LL (0243 572001).

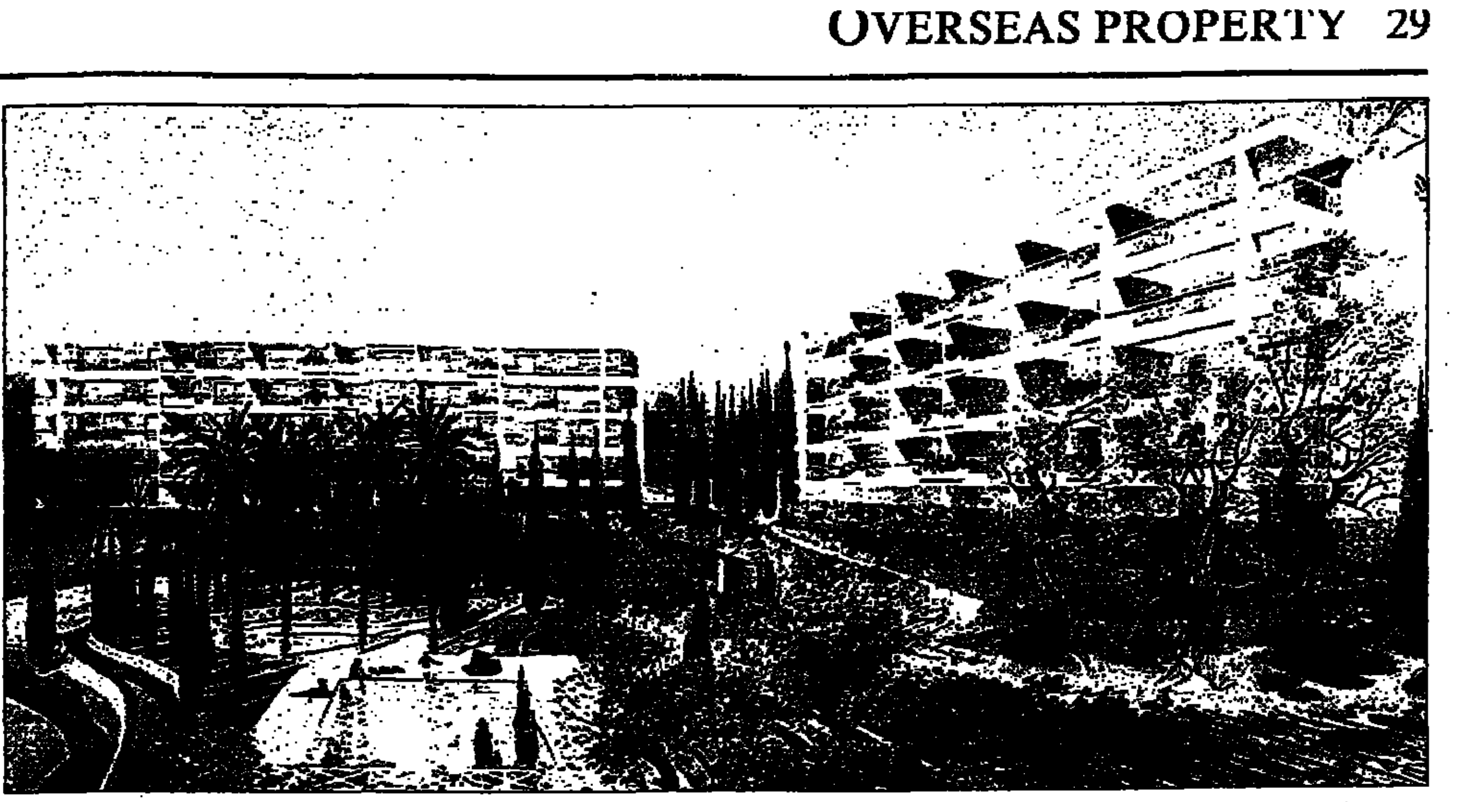
RESIDENCE Pamplemousse is made up of 104 apartments and studios 100 yards from the beach at St Jean de Monts on the Vendée coast of western France. It is by a fairway of the St Jean de Monts golf course, which runs alongside the Atlantic and where buyers are entitled to discount.

Residence Pamplemousse is a *résidence de tourisme*, so all the apartments have a lease-back element. According to Mills & Co, the UK agents, there are three methods of buying. The 11-year lease-back scheme gives a 30 per cent discount on the price. For the first 11 years the apartment can be used for six weeks a year split between high and low seasons with no service charges. Full use of the property is then restored.

There is also the option of taking a 15.68 per cent discount on the price, called *propriété financière*, and using the apartment for two weeks a year for nine years — in return for a guaranteed annual income of 5.5 per cent of the price, index linked. The third method is investment lease-back. There is again a 15.68 per cent discount, but the apartment can be used for six weeks a year in return for a guaranteed 3 per cent annual income, index linked. The lease-back period is again nine years.

In all cases the purchase is freehold and prices range from £25,000 for a studio bought with a 30 per cent lease-back discount to £64,000 for an apartment bought with a 15.68 per cent discount. All come furnished and the Pamplemousse has a staffed reception.

Details: Mills & Co, The Annexe, The Eades, Upton-Upon-Severn, Hereford & Worcester, WR8 0QN (0684 593921).



Landscaped luxury: an artist's impression of Parc des Nereides, north of Nice. Two-bedroom apartments start at £179,000

FRANCE

French properties offered by private owners through the French magazine "De Particulier à Particulier"

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* Loire-Atlantique. Savenay. 30 mins. from La Baule. Golf course 5 min. Old restored house, one storey. Living room with fireplace, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, attic, garden. 450 000 FF. Tel. : 40.56.98.33 (after 5 pm). REF 900

* Limousin, Creuse. Saint-Georges-la-Pouge. 30 km from Guéret and Vassivière lake. 560 m altitude. Bocage and forest countryside, south facing view. 3-storey brick and stone house (22 rooms), 3 large fireplaces set in 5 000 sqm enclosed grounds. Limes, cedars, firs. Tennis ground. Near all facilities. 650 000 FF. REF 901

* Languedoc, Hérault. Sainte-Croix-de-Quintillargues, 19 km north of Montpellier. 140 sqm villa, 26 sqm glassed terrace, 43 sqm living room, fireplace, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, shower, fitted kitchen, attic, 2 garages. 1 890 sqm wooded grounds. Peaceful and wooded area. 1 200 000 FF. Tel. : 67.64.60.83 REF 902

* Côte d'Azur. Nice, La Lanterne. Luxury 3-room flat, 92 sqm. 2 balconies (25 sqm), view onto the sea and the bay of Antibes. Living room, fitted kitchen, bathroom, shower, cupboards, individual heating. Cellar, garage. Swimming pool. Calm. 1 510 000 FF. Tel. : 32.45.81.03 REF 903

* Côte d'Azur. 20 km from Nice. La Gaude. Fine stone-villa. Single storey. Full south facing, calm. Set in 1 600 sqm wooded grounds. 160 sqm habitable. 53 sqm living room with fireplace, 2 bedrooms, large kitchen, oil heating. Suitable for extension. Small swimming pool. Garage. Airport 30 mins. Available. 2 150 000 FF. Tel. : 93.87.77.45 REF 904

* Brittany, Ille-et-Vilaine. 11 km from Rennes. Motorway 3 km. Charming village with all facilities. 18th-century restored house set in 9 600 sqm enclosed, landscaped and wooded grounds. Near trout river. 120 sqm + 1 storey. Fitted kitchen, scullery, large living room and dining room. 3 fireplaces, 5 bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, outbuildings. 2 000 000 FF. REF 909 PH

* Charente-Maritime. Royan city centre. New block of flats (9 flats). 419 sqm habitable. Gardens, cellars, car parks. 700 m from beach, railway station. Tel. : 1.46.92.01.35 or 1.42.33.61.59 REF 916

* Aude. Nebias. Sea 80 km, ski-resort 45 km, Andorra 90 km. Furnished 4-room house. 104 sqm habitable. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, lounge with fireplace and veranda. Balcony, fully fitted kitchen, electric heating. Panoramic view. 756 sqm enclosed grounds with meadow, flowers and fruit trees. Visit possible in july or september. 750 000. Tel. : 68.20.90.52 or 1.48.89.48.50 REF 921

* Martinique. Saint-Joseph. 7 km from Fort de France. 3 028 sqm land. Newly built luxury villa. 2 levels with 2 independent flats. 210 sqm. Fully fitted kitchens, panoramic terraces. Tiled floor. Garages, private swimming pool. 255 sqm building land suitable for extension, 1 700 sqm flat and rectangular. 780 000 FF. REF 919

* Normandy, Calvados. 22 km from Bayeux. 10 km from the sea and 2 km from village. House set in 300 sqm grounds. Dining room and kitchen with exposed beams, 2 bedrooms, shower, adjoining garage. Heating. 200 000 FF. REF 928

* Vienne. 60 km southly Tours, 15 km from Chatellerault (TGV-train). Old restored house, 140 sqm. Set in 4 000 sqm landscaped and wooded grounds. Fitted kitchen, living, dining room with fireplace. 4 bedrooms, 2 bath., shower, central heating, terrace, workshop, 2-car garage. 1 600 000 FF. REF 980 PH

* Loire, Vendée. Saint-Michel-en-l'Herm. Between La-Tranche-sur-Mer and La Rochelle. Seaside 6 km. Newly built house, 119 sqm. Living room, 3 bedrooms, large kitchen, bath., storeroom, 63 sqm terrace, garage. Gas heating. 1 100 sqm grounds. Near all facilities. 550 000 FF. Tel. : 51.30.25.11 REF 982

* Canaries. Tenerife. Seaside. Peaceful residential block of flats, 56 sqm flats + 14 sqm balcony. East/south facing. Living room, american kitchen, bedroom. Fully equipped. Swimming pool with sea water. 6 tennis grounds. South cost. 20 km from airport. View onto the sea. 1st floor. For 4 people. 600 000 FF. Tel. : 1.60.13.06.62 REF 929

* Brittany, Côtes-d'Armor. Village near Saint-Brieuc. 600 sqm land. Stone-built house, 150 sqm. Convertible basement. 3/4 rooms, kitchen, bath., garage, oil central heating. 450 000 FF. REF 971

* Languedoc, Hérault. 8 km east of Montpellier. 11 km to beaches. Near airport, TGV-station, motorway. Villa built in 1973, set in 3 900 sqm wooded park, drilling. 210 sqm habitable. Suitable for 2 flats. Swimming pool to finish. 1 200 000 FF. REF 942 PH

* Provence, Vaucluse. Avignon. 180 sqm flat in an early century block of flats. 3 aspects. In very good condition. Living room, sitting room, 3 bedrooms, large fitted kitchen, 2 bathrooms, fireplaces, balcony, cellar. 1 800 000 FF. 90.27.12.42 (english spoken) REF 963

* Indre. Berry-Sologne, near Vatan. Paris 2 hours by motorway. 2 500 sqm land. 18th-19th century farmhouse, luxury restored. Entrance, living room with beams and fireplaces, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, central heating, terrace with barbecue, swimming pool, cellar, garage. 1 200 000 FF. Tel.: 54.40.62.36 o. 1.46.03.16.92 REF 945

* Normandy, Manche. 30 mins. from Granville and the sea. In bocage country. Restored farmhouse. Granite under slates, vaulted doors. 190 sqm habitable. Ground floor : 3 large rooms with fireplaces, kitchen. Boiler. 60 sqm playroom in mezzanine. Upstairs : 3 bedrooms, bathroom. 120 sqm outbuildings. Calm, greenspaces. 5 km from Hambye, all facilities. 650 000 FF. REF 946

* Charente-Maritime. One storey house, fully restored. 110 sqm. 30 km from Royan beaches. Peaceful housing estate. 3 bedrooms, living room with fireplace, kitchen, dining area, bathroom, garage, 2 terraces. Set in 971 sqm wooded grounds. 480 000 FF. to discuss. Tel. : 46.02.43.20 REF 947.

* Côte d'Azur, Var. 3 km from Flayosc, 10 km from Draguignan. Provençal-style mas, 200 sqm. 4 bedrooms, one with air conditioning. 2 bathrooms, living room, linen room, oak fitted kitchen, terrace. Large separated bedsitter with shower and small kitchen. 2-car garage. Set in 8 780 sqm enclosed and landscaped grounds. Fountain, heated swimming pool. 4 250 000 FF. Tel. : 94.70.30.23 REF 920

* Aude. 30 km from Carcassonne. In the heart of the Montagne Noire. Property with mansion, house, farmhouse + 8 ha land. 1 500 000 FF. REF 927

* Côte d'Azur. Near Saint-Raphael. Residential domain. Beautiful villa, 186 sqm habitable, full south facing, in front of Roquebrune rock, unimpeded view. Large living room with fireplace, 4 bedrooms, fitted kitchen, dressing room, 2 bathrooms, shower, garage, cellar, attic. Set in 4 800 sqm grounds. Swimming pool, tennis ground. 3 300 000 FF. REF 911

* Loire-Atlantique. Savenaye. Detached house near all facilities and railway station. 3 rooms, kitchen, convertible attic. 1 300 sqm garden. 400 000 FF. Tel. : 34.64.37.90 REF 912

* Côte d'Azur, Var. Le Pradet. Villa near all facilities, railway station, airport. Seaside. 76 sqm habitable, 270 sqm land. Living room with fireplace, rustic equip. kitchen, 3 bedrooms, cupboards, bathroom, balcony, terraces, garage. 800 000 FF. REF 913

* Ardèche. 25 km from Montélimar. Medieval village. 400 m altitude. Restored stone house, in very good condition. Unimpeded view. All comforts. 275 sqm + small garden + 2 terraces. Fitted kitchen, shower, bathroom. Vaulted cellars. 999 000 FF. Tel. : 75.04.34.96 (from 01/07/91) REF 914

* Aquitaine, Gironde. 30 km from Bordeaux, 100 km from Royan. Level house beeing restored. 400 sqm on the ground. 1 ha land. View onto pond. 250 000 FF. Tel. : 56.86.00.00 REF 915

* Corse. Between Propriano and Olmeto. 20 000 sqm wooded grounds, oaks, olive and fruit trees. Building land. View onto Valinco bay. Old restored house, 160 sqm habitable. 2 500 000 FF. Urgent. REF 965

* Côte d'Azur, Var. Carces. Villa : living room with fireplace, 2 bedrooms, rustic fitted kitchen, storeroom, bathroom. Comfortable. 2 large covered terraces. Basement, cellar, garage. 1 800 sqm enclosed and landscaped grounds. Unimpeded view onto lake. REF 957 PH

* Haute-Savoie. Seyssel. 200 sqm villa, 5 bedrooms, fully fitted kitchen, bathroom. 1 800 sqm enclosed and wooded grounds. 2 terraces, near fishing area. 1 250 000 FF. Tel. : 50.56.16.03 after 6.30 pm. REF 917

* Loiret. 1h30 from Paris. Village in Sologne. 6 km from Sully-sur-Loire. Near shops. Hunting, fishing area. Golf course, riding. Lake 20 km. House built in 1970, sunny, peaceful, bedroom, large living room, kitchen, bathroom. Basement. Convertible attic. 1 165 enclosed grounds with orchard. 400 000 FF. Tel. : 1.60.80.25.52 REF 918

* Île-de-France, Yvelines. Sainte-Gemme. 25 km Paris West, near international golf courses. Green spaces. Architect-built house. 385 sqm. Set in 3 000 sqm wooded and enclosed parkgrounds. Full south facing. Large living room with fireplace, bow window, lounge, fitted kitchen, 6 bedrooms, bathroom, 2 showers. Double garage, caretaker's accommodation possible. 5 700 000 FF. Tel. : 1.30.54.46.60. REF 935 PH

* Spain, Costa-Brava. Old restored farmhouse, 700 sqm. Set in 2,5 ha land. Swimming pool, heating, bar, wine cellar, stables, 3 wells. Sunny. 4-car garage. Telephone. 50 % cash. Mortgage 8,90 % interest. Tel.: 34.72.56.7857 Spain. REF 940

* Picardie, Somme. Favieres. Sea 2 km. Haus built in 1981. In very good condition. Entrance, kitchen, bathroom, living room, tiled floor, fireplace, 2 bedrooms. panelled ceiling. Convertible attic. Electric heating. 2 garages, outbuildings. Set in 1 003 sqm enclosed and wooded grounds. 450 000 FF. REF 941

* Côte d'Azur, Var. Sainte-Maxime. Sémaphore domain. Newly built 2-room flat (42 sqm) + terrace. Furnished. In wooded and peaceful block of residential flats. 12 ha grounds with 5 tennis grounds, swimming pool. Wide view onto the Maures mountain. Facing golf course. Near beach and city centre. 550 000 FF. Tel. : 1.45.34.07.55 REF 936

* Brittany, Finistère. Lesneven, near all facilities. 8 km from beaches, 35 km from Brest, 24 km from Roscoff. Protected area. Spacious contemporary-villa, architect designed. Set in 2 600 sqm wooded and enclosed grounds. 220 sqm on 2 levels, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Large living room with fireplace, modern kitchen fully fitted, mezzanine, garage, cellar. Central heating. 1 200 000 FF. REF 937

* Périgord. 12 km from Perigueux. Wide view. Wooded area cuts by valleys. One storey house built in 1978 set in 1 220 sqm grounds. 130 sqm : entrance, living room with stone-fireplace, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, garage, cellar. 2 terraces. Electric heating. 490 000 FF. empty. Can be sold furnished. Tel. : 53.05.08.80 REF 938.

* French alps, Tignes-Lac. International Olympic resort winter-summer. 47 sqm flat. Unimpeded panoramic view full south. Entrance, double living, bedroom, bathroom, fitted kitchen, balcony. Wood panelled, semi furnished. Ski closet locked premise. Adjacent skilifts/shops. Direct TGV+bus. Low maintenance 4 500 FF yearly. 640 000 FF. Tel. : 1.46.02.68.24 REF 944

* Maine-et-Loire. Lourasse. 27 km from Saumur. Fine house. 140 sqm. Entrance hall, kitchen, living room, dining room, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, gas central heating. Convertible attic, vaulted cellar, garage. 1 150 landscaped and enclosed grounds. 600 000 FF. Tel. : 41.59.13.29 REF 925

* Near Dordogne. Pomerol, Saint-Emilion area. House of character, 178 sqm, in very good condition. 6 rooms + large entrance hall, bathroom, shower, kitchen, linen room. Large barn. Set in 6 000 sqm wooded and enclosed grounds. 1 000 000 FF. REF 926

* Côte d'Azur, Var. Draguignan. Mansion house at the edge of the town. Very fine lawn, view onto the city. 12 rooms, 350 sqm habitable + 5-room caretaker's accommodation. 1 ha building site (permis in 1994). 120 sqm farm buildings. 3 000 000 FF. REF 973

* Greece, north Corfou, 7 km from Nissaki. Seaside 1 km. Traditional house, 80 sqm. Living room + mezzanine, bedroom, veranda. For 4/6 people. Set in 2 000 sqm land with olive trees. Suitable for building or firms. REF 974

* Southern Atlantic-coast. 20 km beaches, pretty house 92 sqm. In 1990 from designer couple affectionately restored. Nice garden 350 sqm, tastefull kitchen, dining-place on pedestal. Living room with wooden beams + stone constructions, bath., 2 large rooms, balcony, 2 garages, heating. 680 000 FF. Tel. : 46.94.60.72 REF 975

* Ardennes. Near Bairon pond. Property with old house of character set in 1 ha park. Fine fireplace, 4 bedrooms, large living room, sitting room, boudoir, bath., oak fitted kitchen, large veranda. 1 250 000 FF. Tel. : 26.02.67.32 REF 978 PH

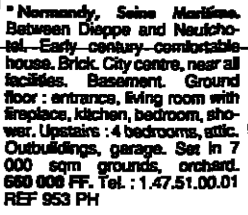
* Yonne. 95 km from Paris, Pont-sur-Yonne. City centre. 5-room contemporary house. 200 sqm. Comfortable, newly built. Bathroom, 3 bedrooms, shower, fitted kitchen, living room with fireplace. Garage. Summer kitchen, barbecue. 60 sqm house, bedroom, shower, cellar. Set in 2 300 sqm enclosed and landscaped grounds. Outbuildings. 1 800 000 FF REF 948

* Normandy, Eure. Near Evreux. 4 060 enclosed building land. Planning permission. Fine trees. 220 000 FF. REF 922

* Drôme. 20 km from Montélimar. TGV railway station. Village 8 km. 300 unbroken ha. Meadows, forest, fruit trees, waterfall, springs, well, hunting. Old provençal-style mas. Panelling, large fireplaces, vaulted sheepfold, convertible attic. 2 000 000 FF. Tel. : 75.46.41.45 REF 933

* Essonne. Brunoy. House built in 1925, 115 sqm habitable. Set in 1 100 sqm wooded grounds. Railway station and city centre 10 mins. walk. Entrance, kitchen, study, living room, 4 bedrooms. Shower. Basement. Attic. Small adjoining accommodation. Garage, car park. Oil centralheating. 1 800 000 FF. REF 952

* Normandy, Seine Maritime. Between Dieppe and Neufchatel. Early century comfortable house. Brick. City centre, near all facilities. Basement. Ground floor : entrance, living room with fireplace, kitchen, bedroom, shower. Upstairs : 4 bedrooms, attic. Outbuildings, garage. Set in 7 000 sqm grounds, orchard. 680 000 FF. Tel. : 1.47.51.00.01 REF 953 PH



* Aquitaine, Lot-et-Garonne. Touristic area, small town with all facilities. Very fine 18th-century mansion. 359 sqm. Free stone. Built on ramparts. 3 terrace gardens. Spring. Set in 1 465 sqm wooded grounds. In very good condition. 8 rooms, outbuildings, Gallo-Roman stone slabs. Panelling, exposed beams, stone staircases, fireplaces, armorial bearings. Unimpeded view onto Garonne plain. 1 650 000 FF. Tel. : 53.89.55.70 REF 955

* Isère. Grenoble. City centre. Luxury 6-room flat. 170 sqm habitable. Building of character. 15 m façace. Peaceful near pedestrian street. Wood floors, fireplaces, fully restored, double glazing, new roof. Low fees. Near TGV-train, airport. 1 785 000 FF. Tel. : 71.48.34.50 REF 956

* Savoie. Arc 1600/ Olympic resort winter-summer. TGV Bourg-Saint-Maurice. 150 km from Genève. 41 sqm studio. South facing terrace, view onto mountains. Entrance, small kitchen, bedroom, living room, bathroom. Ski closet, cellar. Wood furnished. For 5/6 people. Near all facilities and slopes. 496 000 FF. Tel. : 79.07.21.01 or 1.69.21.82.87 REF 958

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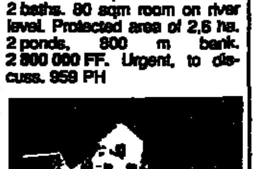

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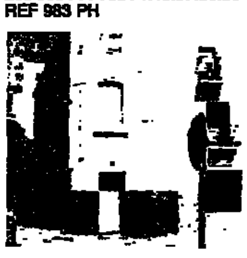

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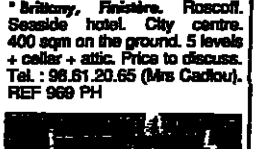

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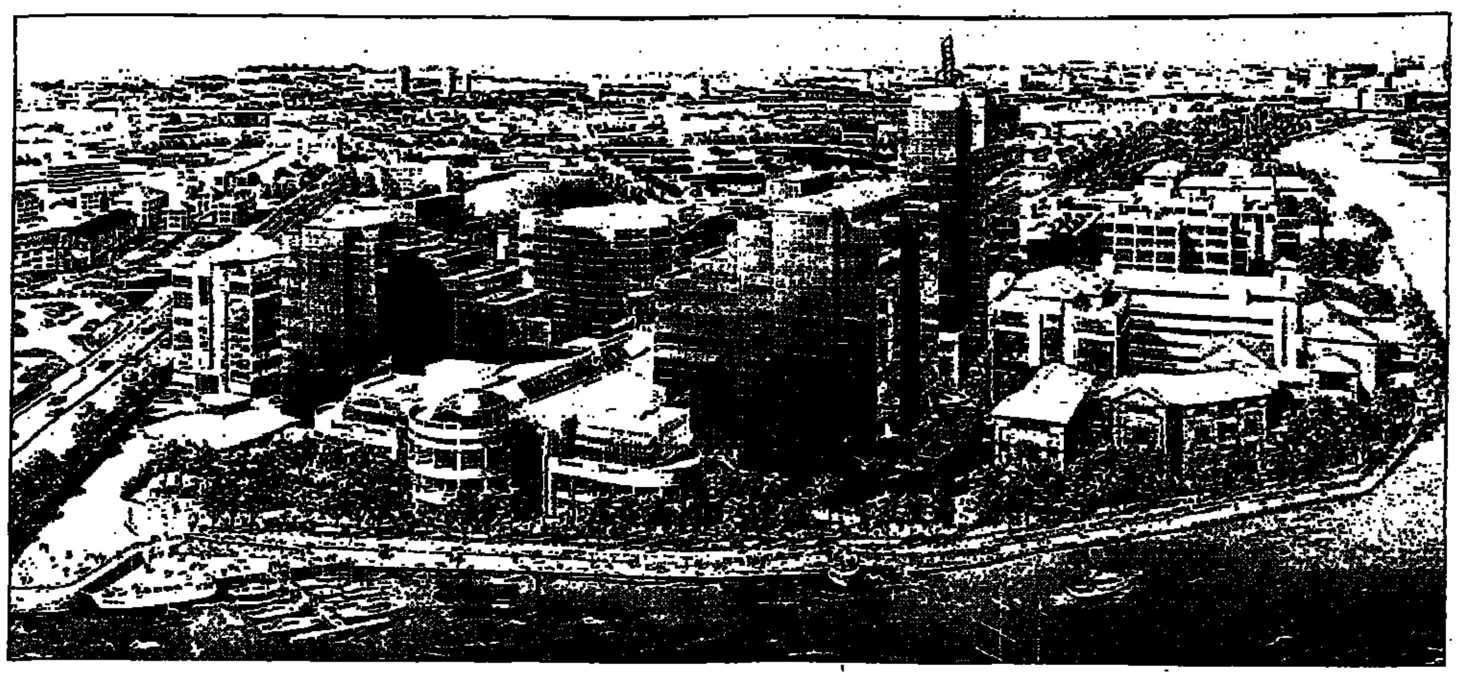
A shortage of quality offices in Manchester is encouraging businesses to move to Salford Quays 'village', **Christopher Warman** writes



On the waterfront: a drawing of Charter Developments' Exchange Quay, Salford, one of the largest projects in the north of England

The letting in Manchester of the Church Commissioners' St James's Square development at £20.25 per sq ft has established a record for the city this year and resulted in an increase in rental values of 39 per cent over the figures for 1990.

This new high shows that the local market is surviving well and is evidence of demand for the best quality properties.

In its report on rents in 50 centres in England and Wales outside London, Jones Lang Wootton shows that although this was the biggest percentage increase, Manchester's annual rise in rents during 1969-1991 was on average 13.7 per cent, very close to the 13.9 per cent mean average of the 50 centres.

Mike Denham, the director in charge of Chesterton's Manchester office, which was involved in that record letting, says the market is more buoyant than that of ten years ago when there was more property standing empty, and that there are signs that real enquiries are re-emerging, particularly in south Manchester. "The market is demand-led, with pre-lettings still being discussed," he says.

Chesterton's 1990-91 business space review shows that throughout the area about three million sq ft of offices are under construction, equivalent to two years' supply at the take-up levels achieved in the past 12 months. In the city centre, 760,000 sq ft of offices are under construction, but in the traditional financial core area only 25,000 sq ft will become available during the year. "As a result, continuing demand for high specification offices with large floor areas in the core area will not be met," Mr Denham says.

He says the review confirms the continued lack of supply of quality offices in the heart of the city centre and its inability to satisfy demand, particularly from the professional sector. The high level of take-up for new schemes in the core area is forcing unsatisfied demand towards Salford Quays, "now perceived by many as a viable alternative to the city centre fringe locations", he says.

The marketing of Clippers Court, a 25,000 sq ft office building in the heart of Salford Quays, has been launched by joint agents Berkeley Brown and DeHavillands. Previously occupied by Lewis's Ltd, the two-year-old building was one of the first speculative office buildings to be built in the Quays and has fine views of the marina. The agents, quoting a rental of £11.75 per sq ft, report strong interest.

Charter Developments is now offering its 530,000 sq ft scheme, Exchange Quay, Salford, through Knight Frank & Rutley. Exchange Quay is one of the largest office projects under construction in the north of England, and will contain seven self-contained headquarters office buildings from 3,000 sq ft to 120,000 sq ft, an office "village" of 14 units, and a retail and business centre. The first buildings are available and the final building is due for completion next summer.

The first lettings have been announced at Quay West, Manchester Ship Canal Company's 76,500 sq ft office building. This £14 million scheme, leading the revitalisation of the 250-acre Wharfside project in Greater Manchester, was opened by Robert Key, the junior environment minister with special responsibility for the inner cities of Manchester and Salford. The government has so far invested £91 million in the regeneration of the area through the Trafford Park and Central Manchester Development Corporations. Quay West results from the partnership with Trafford Park.

Applied Computer Systems is the first tenant at Quay West, having taken 7,250 sq ft when it relocated from Old Trafford to Wharfside. Elliott Partnership in Manchester and Healey & Baker, the joint agents, are now offering the remaining space at £11.50 per sq ft.

As with several city centre developments, water plays a significant part in Manchester. Great Bridgewater, located on the proposed Manchester metro link route, in the heart of the city centre, is a development by Beazer and Manchester city council, incorporating offices, shops, housing and leisure facilities.

Great Bridgewater is planned around a newly created canal basin and will form a crossroads between the existing city centre commercial core and the expanding leisure and tourist quarter to the west.

Andrew Shaw, of Jones Lang Wootton, joint agent with Lambert Smith Hampton, says the canal's reopening will create "a waterside environment full of life, colour and activity". The main site will include two buildings of 80,000 sq ft and 170,000 sq ft. With the refurbished Free Trade Hall, they are expected to be available from 1992-3.

IN THE MARKET

Just the ticket for commuters

In what is believed to be the largest office letting agreed in the City this year, Baring Securities has taken 82,500 sq ft in One America Square, built by and over Fenchurch Street station, in central London.

Although no rental has been disclosed, it is rumoured to be slightly under £40 per sq ft. The agents, Baker Harris Saunders, De Groot Collis, Healey & Baker and Savills, are asking £42.50-£46.50 per sq ft for the remainder.

Meanwhile, Gable House Estates, a Ladbroke Group property subsidiary, has completed the second and final building of its development beside Farringdon Station, in Clerkenwell, London.

Lincoln Place, providing 35,000 sq ft of offices on three floors, adjoins the 170,000 sq ft Smith New Court House that was opened last month by the prime minister.

Jonathan Gold of Gable House says that Lincoln Place offers "city" offices just outside the square mile at a lower rental level.

☐ Brunswick Point is a distinctive seven-storey office development in the centre of Leeds for Yorkshire Bank, now completed by Wimpey Construction North-East. The red brick and stone building was designed by Trevor Wilkinson Associates. At the front of the building the cenotaph from Brunswick Point Methodist church which was demolished in 1984, has been restored.

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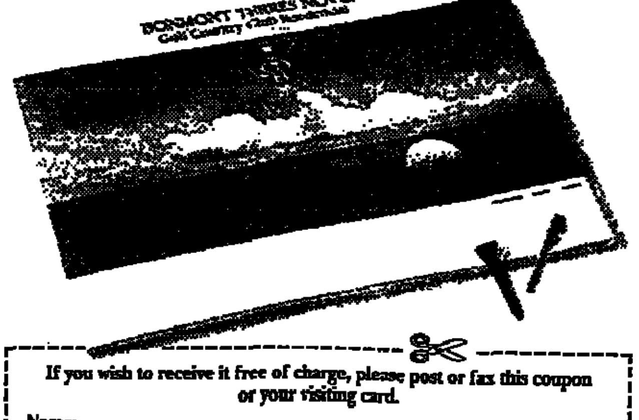

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Pharamineux looks standing dish

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MICHAEL PHILLIPS

FOLLOWING the horses for courses theory, **Pharamineux** is now napped to win the Midsummer Handicap at Sandown this evening with Pat Eddery in the saddle.

Having won twice over today's course and distance last summer, once this season and once also over a shorter trip, it is quite clear that the Reg Akehurst-trained five-year-old is neither happier nor more effective than he is when competing on the Esher track.

The form of his most recent race there stands up particularly well under the microscope. Runner-up Grey Power has not been seen out since but the third and fourth, Witness Box and Halkopous, have both won valuable races: Witness Box the Okay Ya Handicap over today's course and distance; Halkopous the shorter Magnet Cup at York.

For Pharamineux, this evening's race represents a fourth clash this season with Jinga. So far, the score is 2-1 in his favour.

Last time they met, also over today's course and distance, Jinga was five lengths behind at a difference of 5lb. Now the weight difference has narrowed to 3lb. In the spring, Jinga beat Pharamineux by three-quarters of a length at a difference of 7lb. In between times, at Goodwood, the gap was three lengths and 8lb.

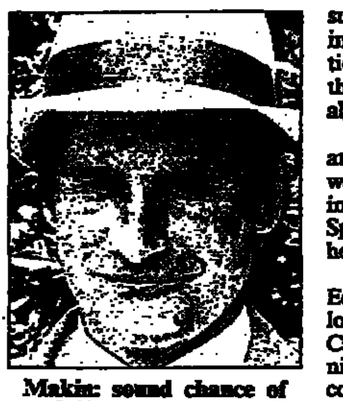
Since then Jinga has won a race for amateur riders at Chepstow where Bardolph was three-and-three-quarter lengths adrift in fourth place, having won a similar race at Salisbury the time before. With Bardolph reopposing Jinga on 5lb better terms now, there should be precious little between them this evening.

In the circumstances, the John Hills-trained Postage Stamp could well turn out to be the main threat to Pharamineux.

For Eddery, Pharamineux is taken to become the third leg of a treble begun by **Doublova** in the Brooklands Claiming Stakes and cemented by Digression's younger half-brother **Bilateral** in the Capital Gold 1548 AM Maiden Stakes.

Eddery rides Roofing in the Surrey Racing Handicap but may have to play second fiddle to Lester Piggott on **Sharpalto**, who has run sufficiently well on his last two starts at Newmarket to suggest that this could be his day.

The Mary Reveley-trained **Batabanoo** appeals as a sound bet to win the Fine Leg Selling Stakes at Redcar where Resolute Bay looks capable of shouldering 10st 3lb to victory in the Yorkshire Cricket Club Handicap, even though he is opposed by the in-form Red Rosein.



Makin: sound chance of double at Doncaster

Earlier in the day, at Doncaster, Peter Makin can land a double with **Little Saboteur** (2.30) and **Tea Dust** (3.00).

Little Saboteur has run well enough in her races at Sandown and Leicester to suggest that the latest qualifier in the Tattersalls Maiden Auction Series should be hers for the taking with Willie Carson aboard.

Tea Dust is highly regarded at home and can defy top weight in the Keepmoat Holdings Cup now that Tim Sprake's allowance will reduce her weight to 9st 9lb.

At Yarmouth, the Grant Eden-trained **Barbary Reef** looks capable of capturing the Caister Handicap after winning so emphatically over course and distance a week ago.

In The Groove joins growing list of King George defectors

By RICHARD EVANS

THE King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes on Saturday is turning into a nightmare for Ascot following the withdrawal yesterday of David Elsworth's pair In The Groove and Dolpour.

Elsworth's decision to take out his Coronation Cup winner adds to the growing list of notable absentees headed by Epervier Bleu and Snurge.

Elsworth said yesterday: "In The Groove doesn't run. She didn't please me in her final piece of work and showed she is below par. Until I am satisfied that she is back to her best I have no plans to run her anywhere."

Rain fell at Ascot yesterday to improve Sanglamore's chances of running. "The more rain the better," Roger Charlton said. "The King George doesn't come round very often and I would say it's 80-20 in favour of running him."

A decision about the participation of Tiger Flower will be taken this morning after the Henry Cecil-trained filly works at Newmarket. However, Hailsham, also owned by Sheikh Mohammed, has been confirmed a definite runner.

Clive Brittain may now run both of Lady Beaverbrook's pair, Terimon and Luchiroverte, as well as Hailsham. "The original plan was to run Terimon if the ground was good and Luchiroverte if it was soft," Brittain said. "But obviously, with the field cutting up, we have got to have an open mind."

Rock Hopper, who worked particularly well in blinkers yesterday, is a definite runner along with stable companion Saddlers' Hall, Sapience, and Generous. No decision has been made about 500-1 shot Matahif.

Ladbrokes bet: 1-2 Generous, 5-1 Saddlers' Hall, 7-1 Sanglamore, Rock Hopper, 16-1 Terimon, 33-1 bar.

While it will be of little consolation to the Ascot authority, the juvenile races at the meeting look set to be high-class. In particular, Friday's Virginia Water Maiden Stakes could provide an early pointer to next year's 1,000 Guineas. Mahasin, already 25-1 joint favourite for the classic, makes her debut after pleasing John Dunlop at Arundel yesterday.

"She is a big strong filly who works pretty nicely," Dunlop said. "I have not tried her out to see if she is a super filly, so we will have to see."

Sun And Shade, a highly-regarded Cecil two-year-old, will be among her opponents. Cecil also intends running Hatta's Mill in the EBF Sandwich Maiden Stakes the same day. The Green Desert colt has an equally impressive reputation.

MANDARIN
2.00 Power Lake.
2.30 Little Saboteur.
3.00 Tea Dust.
3.30 Vado Via.
4.00 Mata Cara.
4.30 Officer Cadet.
5.00 Sunset Rose.

THUNDERER
2.00 Power Lake.
2.30 Little Saboteur.
3.00 River Rhine.
3.30 Anderson Rose.
4.00 Kaths Choice.
4.30 OFFICER CADET (nap).
5.00 Sunset Rose.

MICHAEL SEELY
5.00 HALLOW FAIR (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 LITTLE SABOTEUR.

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST; 1M RND, LOW BEST

2.00 BRAMALL CONSTRUCTION GRADUATION STAKES

(2-Y-O: £3,200: 5f) (4 runners)

1 (4) 1322 POWER LAKE 15 (D,BF,F) (A Budge (Equine) Limited) R Hannon 8-4 B Raymond ● 99
2 (1) 056 FULL STEAM 23 (Mrs S Rudolf) J Watts 8-11 Dean McKeown 85
3 (2) 0 SADDLEHOME 38 (Hyde Sporting Promotions) R Whitaker 8-11 J Reid —
4 (3) SAMMY SLEW (J Marsden) S Norton 8-11 O Pears (7) —

BETTING: 2-7 Power Lake, 9-2 Full Steam, 12-1 Sammy Slew, 14-1 Saddlehome.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

POWER LAKE hd 2nd to Night Duty at Newmarket (5f, good); earlier 4½l 3rd to Magic Ring at Ascot (5f, good). FULL STEAM 12l 6th to Pass The Key at Edinburgh (7f, soft). SADDLEHOME needed the outing when 8th of 9 to Jode at York (6f, good to soft). SAMMY SLEW (foaled Feb 9, cost $50,000) by Tsunami Slew, a high-class turf performer at around 9f in the States, and the first foal of a dam who won 20 races at sprint distances from 2 to 8 years.
Selection: POWER LAKE

2.30 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION SERIES STAKES

(Qualifier: 2-Y-O: £3,262: 6f) (11 runners)

1 (8) 60 PAGEBOY 15 (Lord Scarsdale) P Haslam 8-10 Dean McKeown —
2 (6) SPECIALIST DREAM (Mrs L O'Rourke) L Codd 8-6 V Smith —
3 (1) 566 FUTURES GIFT 8 (T Marshall) A Potts 8-6 C Hodgson (5) 85
4 (2) 04 SUNDERLAND ECHO 21 (Sunderland & Hartlepool Ltd) Mrs G Reveley 8-6 J Lowe 80
5 (4) 0 MONOROSE 58 (Monolithic Refractories Ltd) D Haydn Jones 8-4 M Wigham 89
6 (7) SAFARI PARK (R Bethell) B Rothwell 8-4 J Fortune —
7 (9) 04 BAILEYS BY NAME 9 (G Bailey Ltd (Baileys Horse Feeds)) M Johnston 8-3 R P Elliott 84
8 (10) 505 GYMCRAK DANCER 6 (Gymcrak Racing IV Plc) M H Easterby 8-3 M Birch 85
9 (3) 5 MISSAL 7 (Mrs C Reed) Pat Mitchell 8-3 S O'Gorman (5) 89
10 (5) 60 DON'T WORRY 16 (Flint Cottage Stables) M Tompkins 8-2 Dale Gibson —
11 (11) 42 LITTLE SABOTEUR 16 (BF) (Mrs W Blackwood) P Makin 8-2 W Carson ● 99

BETTING: 5-4 Little Saboteur, 11-4 Missal, 7-1 Monorose, 8-1 Gymcrack Dancer, 10-1 Baileys By Name, 12-1 Sunderland Echo, 14-1 Futures Gift, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

PAGEBOY 20l 10th to Providence at Newmarket (7f, good). MONOROSE 8½l 7th to Last Exit at Leicester (6f, good).
BAILEYS BY NAME 3l 4th to So Beguiling in Wolverhampton seller (7f, good to firm). MISSAL 10½l 5th to Sahara Star at Sandown (5f 6yd, good). LITTLE SABOTEUR hd 2nd to Wild Honour in similar race at Leicester (5f 218yd, good to firm) with DON'T WORRY (same terms) 12l 8th.
Selection: LITTLE SABOTEUR

3.00 KEEPMOAT HOLDINGS CUP (Handicap: £3,200: 1m rnd) (6 runners)

1 (6) 022 TEA DUST 40 (BF) (R Marchant) P Makin 3-10-0 T Sprake (5) 98
2 (5) 3-03 RIVER RHINE 21 (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-9-7 S Davies (7) 92
3 (2) 00-2066 CAPITAL BOND 43 (D Mort) R Holder 3-9-0 N Adams ● 99
4 (1) 69025-6 DIAMOND INTHE DARK 16 (Diamond Bloodstock) S Norton 3-8-13 O Pears (7) 88
5 (3) 00-0620 SWIFT STREAM 18 (BF) (Home Stud Ltd) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-8 J Reid 96
6 (4) 200-550 ISLAND JETSETTER 42 (N Wilby) N Tinkler 5-8-6 Kim Tinkler 96

BETTING: 13-8 River Rhine, 2-1 Tea Dust, 5-1 Swift Stream, 13-2 Island Jetsetter, 12-1 Diamond Inthe Dark, 16-1 Capital Bond.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

TEA DUST 3½l 2nd to Just A Step at Goodwood (7f, good); better effort previously when 1½l 2nd to Memorive at Bath (1m 5yd, good to firm).
RIVER RHINE 8½l 3rd to Deprecator at Warwick (7f, good). DIAMOND INTHE DARK 5l 6th to Tudorgateway at Pontefract (6f, good to firm). SWIFT STREAM 1l 2nd to Kimberley Park on penultimate start here (7f, good). ISLAND JETSETTER 5¼l 5th of 19 to Calachuchi on penultimate start at Ripon (1m 1f).
Selection: TEA DUST (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Cecil	27	72	37.5
L Cumani	18	58	31.0
M Johnston	6	55	10.9
Mrs G Reveley	3	30	10.0

(Only qualifiers)

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
B Raymond	19	130	14.6
W Carson	25	172	14.5

(Only qualifiers)

3.30 YORKSHIRE METROPOLITAN PROPERTIES SELLING STAKES

(£2,415: 1m 4f) (14 runners)

1 (9) 045114- JAGJET 206J (F,G) (P Hamlett) Miss S Wilton 4-9-11 S D Williams (7) 87
2 (8) 00 RING MY BELL 18 (B) (F Yardley) F Yardley 4-9-7 A Dicks —
3 (14) 50521-0 KINGSLEY 4 (D,F) (M Marsh) M Johnston 4-9-6 R P Elliott 88
4 (4) 030005 AL SABAK 9 (V) (Mrs B Facchino) R Hollinshead 3-8-9 S Perks —
5 (1) 560000 DERRING PET 8 (B) (J Parkes) J Parkes 3-8-9 B Raymond 78
6 (5) 000-00 PORICK 19 (Mrs A Eardley) G Oldroyd 3-8-9 B McGiff —
7 (7) 06-3050 SEARCY 9 (B) (Exors of Mrs J de Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-9 J Reid ● 99
8 (2) 005350 SOVEREIGN NICHE 30 (BF) (Mrs H Meakin) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-9 L Dettori 91
9 (13) 800010 ANDERSON ROSE 23 (G) (J Anderson Holmes) J H Wilson 3-8-8 Paul Burke 80
10 (10) 235-000 BONNIE KATE 58 (Mrs E Haydn Jones) D Haydn Jones 3-8-4 J Lowe 81
11 (3) 030-003 ELEGANT APPROACH 23 (D Leech) W Haigh 3-8-4 A Culhane 91
12 (6) 006050 MARJORIE WOOD 23 (S Norton) S Norton 3-8-4 Pipa Moorhouse (7) 81
13 (12) 05-000 TOP SPINNER 23 (G Vine) D Haydn Jones 3-8-4 J Lowe 79
14 (11) 2405 VADO VIA 19 (K Whaldon) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-4 Dean McKeown 97

BETTING: 3-1 Vado Via, 9-2 Kingsley, 6-1 Al Sabak, Sovereign Niche, 8-1 Jagjet, 10-1 Searcy, 12-1 Marjorie Wood, 14-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

KINGSLEY eased down to beat Daily Sport Soon 2l on final start last season in Pontefract seller (1m 4f, good to firm). AL SABAK 5½l 5th to Dashing Fellow at Wolverhampton (1m 4f 70yd, good to firm) with SEARCY (4lb better off) 8th.
SOVEREIGN NICHE 6l 5th to Formal Occasion on penultimate start at Pontefract (1m 4f, good to firm). ANDERSON ROSE beat Colr 'A' Ghazi 7l on penultimate start in Edinburgh seller (1m 7f, good) with MARJORIE WOOD (10lb worse off) 7l 5th. ELEGANT APPROACH 2¾l 3rd to Grey Commander in Pontefract seller (1m 4f, good) with AL SABAK 14th. VADO VIA badly hampered 12l 5th to Dom Wac in Haydock handicap (2m 45yd, good to firm); earlier 2¾l 4th to Valatch in Hamilton maiden (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: VADO VIA

4.00 TUBORG FILLIES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,478: 7f) (9 runners)

1 (8) 44-0013 MATA CARA 7 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-7 L Dettori ● 99
2 (3) 234-425 WISH OF LUCK 33 (Hadi Al-Tajir) H Thomson Jones 9-3 W Carson 94
3 (6) 02-5 PERESKIA 130 (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 8-12 G Crealock 85
4 (4) 2-00005 TEANARCO 18 (F,S) (B Symonds) R Holder 8-10 N Adams 92
5 (7) 0026 BRILLIANT 21 (Lord Derby) J Watts 8-8 Dean McKeown 96
6 (1) 340-381 ORIENTAL MUSIC 18 (F) (K Francs) J Etherington 8-6 J Lowe 85
7 (9) 304 ROSSANITA 46 (Kendal White & Co Ltd) N Bycroft 7-10 Paul Eddery 88
8 (2) 00-0201 KATHS CHOICE 8 (G) (Comcham Ltd) H Collingridge 7-7 (6ex) C Hawksley (7) 97
9 (5) 00-6064 MEESON TIMES 26 (F) (C Castle) B Ellison 7-7 J Fanning (5) 89

Long handicap: Kaths Choice 7-3, Meeson Times 6-13.

BETTING: 7-2 Mata Cara, 9-2 Wish Of Luck, 11-2 Kaths Choice, 7-1 Brilliant, 8-1 Pereskia, Teanarco, 10-1 others.

1990: MAKESHIFT 8-5 J Quinn (15-2) A Lee 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

MATA CARA 2½l 3rd to Saafend at Yarmouth (1m 3yd, firm); previously beat Catundra 1½l at Wolverhampton (7f, good to firm).
WISH OF LUCK 3l 5th of 7 to Sure Victory at Ayr (7f, good); earlier sh hd 2nd to Lominda at Yarmouth (6f, good to firm) in September with PERESKIA (5lb better off) 9l 9th of 11. PERESKIA 2½l 2nd to Exclusive Virtue at Leicester (7f, firm) in October. BRILLIANT 2l 2nd to Bold Arabella in Edinburgh (7f, good) maiden. ORIENTAL MUSIC beat Strimmer a sh hd at Beverley (5f, firm). ROSSANITA 18½l last of 4 to Elegant Friend at Carlisle (5f 207yd, hard). KATHS CHOICE beat Shades Of Vera 4l at Folkestone (6f 189yd, good).
Selection: MATA CARA

4.30 FRANK HASLAM MILAN HANDICAP (£2,880: 1m 2f 50yd) (11 runners)

1 (4) 34455 RUTLAND WATER 18 (E Keasly) P Makin 4-9-12 J Reid 93
2 (3) 322-214 SHANNON EXPRESS 137 (D,F) (R Hill) J Pearce 4-9-4 N Day 95
3 (6) 00050U MODEST HOPE 18 (J McManamon) G Eden 4-8-13 G Baxter 91
4 (7) 60-2000 ROSES HAVE THORNS 11 (F) (J Peters) D Morris 4-8-11 S O'Gorman (5) 96
5 (1) 010304 TOUCH ABOVE 19 (D,F) (Mrs J Hazell) T Barron 5-8-10 M Wigham 93
6 (9) 62-0060 CLYRO 13 (G) (Conway Lloyd) R Holder 3-8-8 A Dicks 94
7 (10) 003005 LITTLE KRAKER 13 (S) (T Pearce) P Jones 4-8-6 T Sprake (5) 92
8 (5) 3-00220 OFFICER CADET 23 (D,BF,G,S) (Lord Derby) J Watts 4-8-3 Dean McKeown 94
9 (8) 0-00' AVRO ANSON 86 (B Skirton) M Camacho 3-8-0 N Connorton 81
10 (11) 00-6550 NAZMIAH 44 (D,F,S) (A Helaissi) A Hide 5-7-8 J Lowe ● 99
11 (2) 00-0040 LAMBSON 15 (I Hall) R Whitaker 4-7-7 A Mackay 86

Long handicap: Lambson 6-13.

BETTING: 7-2 Shannon Express, 9-2 Officer Cadet, 11-2 Touch Above, 7-1 Rutland Water, 8-1 Vyro, 10-1 others.

1990: PUMPKIN 3-8-4 S Whitworth (5-1) T Thomson Jones 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

RUTLAND WATER 3½l 5th of 11 to Pharamineux at Sandown (1m 3f 100yd, good). SHANNON EXPRESS beat Shining Jewel 1½l at Southwell (AW, 1m) on penultimate start in January.
TOUCH ABOVE 13l 9th to Tanoda at Ripon (1m 2f, soft) on penultimate start with ROSES HAVE THORNS (same terms) 8l 12th; earlier beat Callipoli ¾l at Beverley (1m 2f, firm) with LAMBSON (same terms) 14th. LITTLE KRAKER 3l 5th to Petmer at Chepstow (1m 2l 36yd, good) with CLYRO (3lb better off) 5l 7th. OFFICER CADET 7th of 17 to Katy's Lad (gave 3lb) at Windsor (1m 2f); earlier 1l 2nd to Vague Dancer at Ayr (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: TOUCH ABOVE

5.00 BRAMALL DESIGN BUILD TROPHY (Handicap: £2,415: 1m 4f) (13 runners)

1 (1) 02100-2 SARYAN 203 (D,BF,F) (P Byrne) B Curley 8-9-10 — 91
2 (4) 31-0626 EREVNON 36 (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-9-8 B Doyle (5) 90
3 (10) 120033 PREMIER DANCE 25 (Mrs C Sheppard) D Haydn Jones 4-9-3 J Reid 96
4 (9) 050-035 OSGATHORPE 9 (BF,G) (Mrs L Middlebrook) E Weymes 4-8-11 Dean McKeown 91
5 (2) 60-1600 CASPIAN GATES 14 (D,F) (B Fulton) A Lee 7-8-10 B Raymond 91
6 (13) 50430-3 SUNSET ROSE 9 (D,F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-8-7 S O'Gorman (5) 89
7 (12) 500051 LODGING 4 (B,D,F) (Mrs J Stapleton) G Oldroyd 4-8-3 (4ex) B McGiff 94
8 (7) 040023 GLASTONDALE 11 (D,BF,F,G) (J Baggott) T Barron 5-8-0 Dale Gibson ● 99
9 (6) 4/00001 HALLOW FAIR 8 (F,G) (A Kaplan) C Horgan 6-8-0 (4ex) N Adams 94
10 (5) 006642 LOVING OMEN 6 (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 4-7-9 A Mackay 96
11 (11) 660000- DANZA HEIGHTS 288 (Mrs M Williams) Mrs G Reveley 5-7-7 J Lowe —
12 (3) 330036 ESCAPE TALK 5 (F) (Mrs E Adair) J Dooler 4-7-7 P Turner (7) 83
13 (8) 000000/ STAR MAESTRO 236J (C,G,S) (T Wood) O Brennan 9-7-7 N Kennedy (5) —

Long handicap: Danza Heights 7-3, Escape Talk 6-11, Star Maestro 6-9.

BETTING: 4-1 Saryan, 9-2 Sunset Rose, 11-2 Hallow Fair, 7-1 Loving Omen, 8-1 Glastondale, Premier Dance, Osgathorpe, 10-1 Erevnon, 12-1 Lodging, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

SARYAN ¾l 2nd to Lafkadio at Southwell (Aw, 1m 6f) in January. EREVNON 1½l 2nd to Art Form at Yarmouth (1m 6f, firm) on penultimate start.
PREMIER DANCE ¾l 3rd to Slick Cherry at Chepstow (1m 2l 36yd, good) with HALLOW FAIR (2lb better off) 12l 10th. SUNSET ROSE 5½l 3rd to Mahrajan at Windsor (1m 3f 150yd, good to firm). LODGING beat Duggan sh hd at Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, firm). GLASTONDALE 5l 2nd to Beaumood at Edinburgh (1m 4f, good) on penultimate start; earlier 9l 4th to Deviosity over same course and distance (good) CASPIAN GATES (5lb worse off) 22l 8th. HALLOW FAIR beat Rare Detail 3½l at Leicester (1m 3f 183yd, good). LOVING OMEN 3l 2nd to Tenter Close at Catterick (1m 7f 180yd, firm).
Selection: GLASTONDALE

MANDARIN
6.10 Doublova.
6.40 Bilateral.
7.10 Durneltor.
7.40 Sharpalto.
8.10 Sheroog.
8.45 PHARAMINEUX (nap).

THUNDERER
6.10 Doublova.
6.40 Strong Suit.
7.10 Mai Pen Rai.
7.40 Sharpalto.
8.10 Sheroog.
8.45 Pharamineux.

MICHAEL SEELY
8.45 Pharamineux.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

6.10 BROOKLANDS CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,974: 5f 6yd) (8 runners)

1 (4) 1-11051 DOUBLOVA 7 (D,F,G,S) (Moss Side Racing Group) J Berry 8-6 Pat Eddery ● 99
2 (8) 300423 SET ASIDE 30 (I Sandell) D Elsworth 8-6 J Williams 70
3 (7) 0-42413 SPANIARDS CLOSE 26 (BF,G) (Avon Industries Ltd) P Makin 8-0 A Munro 89
4 (5) 420131 BEATLE SONG 26 (G) (C Hill) C Hill 7-12 — 81
5 (3) 005443 SUMMER SANDS 8 (D,F) (Dr D Davis) D Elsworth 7-10 D Holland (5) 67
6 (2) 51066-6 GOODY FOUR SHOES 11 (D,F) (A Newcombe) C Hill 7-8 — 74
7 (6) 11-6003 MIDNIGHT LASS 9 (D,F) (B O'Brien) P Howling 7-8 T Williams 84
8 (1) 0- HARRY'S JOY 218 (A Newcombe) C Hill 7-7 — —

BETTING: 6-4 Doublova, 7-2 Beatle Song, 9-2 Spaniards Close, 6-1 Set Aside, 8-1 Summer Sands, 12-1 Midnight Lass, 14-1 others.

1990: LYNDSEYLEE 8-6 Pat Eddery (11-10 fav) J Berry 8 ran

6.40 CAPITAL GOLD 1548 AM MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £3,247: 7f 16yd) (12 runners)

1 (12) AMEER DALHAM (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) W Hern 9-0 S Cauthen —
2 (10) BILATERAL (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0 Pat Eddery —
3 (5) CASNIKTONY (Seven One Fives) A Moore 9-0 B Rouse —
4 (11) 0 DORDOGNE 26 (Darby & Blackborn) J Dunlop 9-0 T Quinn —
5 (9) 5 GREEN'S EXHIBIT 13 (R Green (Fine Paintings)) R Akehurst 9-0 A Munro —
6 (3) IMCO CLASSIC (A Balzarini) M Jarvis 9-0 Paul Eddery —
7 (4) LANDSTAR (Mrs E Pyle) W Wightman 9-0 T Rogers —
8 (2) 4 NINJA DANCER 21 (R Tadeo) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 L Piggott 90
9 (1) 52 STRONG SUIT 20 (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 9-0 W Carson ● 99
10 (7) 0 VIVITZ 26 (M Kerr-Dineen) G Balding 9-0 J Williams —
11 (6) 0 BELTHORN 7 (T Thorn) J Bridger 8-9 T Williams —
12 (8) RUBY RING (Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 8-9 S Whitworth —

BETTING: 7-4 Bilateral, 3-1 Strong Suit, 5-1 Ameer Dalham, 8-1 Ninja Dancer, 10-1 Green's Exhibit, 12-1 Dordogne, 14-1 others.

1990: TAPATCH 9-0 T Quinn (8-1) J Eustace 8 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
Lord Huntingdon	3	6	50.0
H Cecil	18	61	29.5
J Gosden	5	20	25.0
M Stoute	29	148	19.6
B Hills	15	81	18.5
A Stewart	6	36	16.7

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
D Holland	4	18	22.2
Pat Eddery	55	258	21.3
R Perham	3	15	20.0
S Cauthen	39	230	17.0
T Quinn	17	119	14.3
W Carson	31	238	13.0

7.10 PACEMAKER UPDATE RACING SCHOOLS APPRENTICE HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £2,997: 1m 14yd) (11 runners)

1 (8) 14 PITT CLUB 12 (D,BF,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 9-7 F Arrowsmith (3) ● 99
2 (9) 45011-0 FLUIDITY 114 (R Eamer) J Gosden 9-7 G Hind 94
3 (6) 050015 DURNELTOR 20 (BF,G,S) (Mrs A Valentine) R Hannon 9-5 Mark Denaro (5) 96
4 (5) 55-0040 JARZON DANCER 18 (B Foulkes) C Wall 8-8 D Biggs 87
5 (7) 0643-00 MRS CLAYPOOL 19 (M Sinclair) M Jarvis 8-8 K Rutter 87
6 (4) 000020 MAI PEN RAI 8 (D,F) (C Hill) C Hill 8-7 A Tucker 95
7 (1) 002550 ECHO LADY 8 (BF) (Southern Evening Echo) G Balding 8-4 D Tierney (5) 91
8 (3) 000000 RAPID ROSIE 7 (R Till) P Hayward 8-0 J Weaver (3) —
9 (10) 660-050 BALDSKI BOY 75 (T Liang) J Eustace 7-13 S Lanigan (5) 92
10 (11) 50-0006 LIDANZIA 16 (Lidia Partnership) R Holder 7-9 S Drowne (3) —
11 (2) 0-000 BEGUILED 18 (Mrs E Williams) Lord Huntingdon 7-8 D Harrison 92

BETTING: 5-2 Durneltor, 3-1 Pitt Club, 4-1 Fluidity, 6-1 Mai Pen Rai, 8-1 Echo Lady, 10-1 Beguiled, 12-1 others.

1990: HYPNOTIST 9-1 S Lanigan (6-1) C Cyzer 8 ran

7.40 SURREY RACING HANDICAP (£4,206: 7f 16yd) (9 runners)

1 (9) 243-010 UNANIMOUS 46 (D,F,G) (F Kalla) A Stewart 3-10-0 M Simpson (7) 90
2 (7) 2-612 ROOFING 43 (B,BF,F) (K Abdulla) B Hills 3-9-12 Pat Eddery 93
3 (4) 440643 SHARPALTO 5 (D,BF,G) (Millpraw Bloodstock) E Wheeler 4-9-4 L Piggott 94
4 (3) 24221 WILAYIF 12 (D,G) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-9-3 B Raymond 90
5 (1) 550030 GABBIADINI 11 (V,D,BF,F) (D Grant) M Tompkins 4-9-1 T Williams 92
6 (2) 00-3025 MANGO MANILA 5 (D,G) (R Del Rosario) C Horgan 6-9-0 S Cauthen 98
7 (6) 0-40652 SHADES OF VERA 8 (F) (A Perry) G Lewis 3-8-4 Paul Eddery 90
8 (8) 550 RARFY'S DREAM 25 (T Nerses) J Banks 3-8-4 D Holland (3) 94
9 (5) 000130 PREMIER PRINCE 22 (D,BF,F,G,S) (J Boswell) L Cottrell 5-7-11 C Rutter ● 99

BETTING: 3-1 Wilayif, 4-1 Roofing, 6-1 Mango Manila, 8-1 Shades Of Vera, Unanimous, 10-1 Sharpalto, 12-1 Rarfy's Dream, 14-1 Gabbiadini, 16-1 Premier Prince.

1990: LORD BERTIE 3-9-0 J Williams (8-1) J Sutcliffe 10 ran

8.10 PETTICOAT LANE MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O fillies: £3,042: 1m 2f 7yd) (8 runners)

1 (6) 0- ALWAYS FRIENDLY 282 (F Salman) H Candy 8-11 A Munro 83
2 (7) 30 CAROL'S PET 20 (T Nerses) J Banks 8-11 D Holland (3) 74
3 (8) DREAMTIME QUEST (M Heaton) R Hannon 8-11 R Perham (5) —
4 (4) 660 KILLICK 60 (K Abdulla) R Smyth 8-11 Pat Eddery ● 99
5 (2) 0 MANWAH 77 (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 8-11 W Carson —
6 (3) 002 SHEROOG 20 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 8-11 S Cauthen 98
7 (5) 6 TOOWHIT TOWHEE 14 (Gulting Stud Ltd) J Gosden 8-11 G Hind —
8 (1) 6005 TUDOREALM 14 (L Ward) D Elsworth 8-11 T Quinn 81

BETTING: 11-4 Manwah, 7-2 Killick, 9-2 Sheroog, 6-1 Dreamtime Quest, 8-1 Toowhit Towhee, 12-1 others.

1990: RUBY SETTING 8-11 W Carson (11-4) W Hern 6 ran

8.45 MIDSUMMER HANDICAP (£3,951: 1m 6f) (7 runners)

1 (4) 516441 JINGA 13 (CD,F,G,S) (Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 5-9-10 Tracey Purseglove (7) 97
2 (7) 222151 PHARAMINEUX 18 (CD,F,G) (N Raisman) R Akehurst 5-9-7 Pat Eddery 98
3 (3) 054-614 BARDOLPH 13 (F,S) (Sir George Meyrick) P Cole 4-9-0 T Quinn 98
4 (6) 3-34106 POSTAGE STAMP 20 (BF,F) (Losers Owners Group) J Hills 4-8-13 M Hills ● 99
5 (5) 20032/6 MYSTICAL GUEST 13 (J Bostock) J Bostock 5-8-10 S Whitworth —
6 (1) 45-0904 RYECOVE 12 (W Collison) R O'Sullivan 3-7-10 D Biggs (5) 98
7 (2) 2083-00 BOUNDER ROWE 44 (R Orgles) J Fitch-Hayes 4-7-9 T Williams 90

BETTING: 5-4 Pharamineux, 7-2 Jinga, 4-1 Bardolph, 6-1 Postage Stamp, 8-1 Ryecove, 12-1 others.

1990: PHARAMINEUX 4-7-12 W Carson (11-4) R Akehurst 5 ran

YARMOUTH

MANDARIN
2.15 Jeune. 2.45 Captain Ken. 3.15 Barbary Reef. 3.45 Miss Pin Up. 4.15 Dr Sock It To Me. 4.45 Marie De France.

THUNDERER
2.15 Jeune. 2.45 Blockade. 3.15 Barbary Reef. 3.45 Perforate. 4.15 Saboteur. 4.45 Jadidh.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
3.15 Every One A Gem.
3.45 MISS PIN UP (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

DRAW: 6F 3YD-7F 2YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 BEAUCHAMP MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,343: 6f 3yd) (3)

1 JEUNE G Wragg 9-0 G Carter 3
2 LONESOME TRAIN J Gosden 9-0 R Cochrane 1
3 MAN OF THE SEASON Mrs N Macauley 9-0 M Roberts 2

4-5 Jeune, 6-5 Lonesome Train, 7-1 Man Of The Season.

2.45 ELIZABETH SIMPSON SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,469: 7f 2yd) (8)

1 BLOCKADE M Bell 8-11 M Hills 7
2 0433 CAPTAIN KEN 14 M Tompkins 8-11 R Cochrane 6
3 0000 CBS RANDOLPH 7 I Campbell 8-11 M Tebbutt 3
4 4 DO THE BUSINESS 8 C Allen 8-11 G Bardwell 5
5 THE LAST WASHER M Tompkins 8-11 M Godsafe (7) 4
6 4562 GLOW OF THE GLEN 9 M H Easterby 8-6 K Darley 2
7 JULDEE R Guest 8-6 M Roberts 1
8 000 PINK'N BLACK 23 G Blum 8-6 G Carter 8

15-8 Glow Of The Glen, 4-1 Captain Ken, 5-1 Blockade, 7-1 Do The Business, 8-1 The Last Washer, 10-1 Juldee, 16-1 others.

3.15 CAISTER HANDICAP

(£3,687: 1m 2f 21yd) (7)

1 4-10 MODESTO 18 (BF,G) B Hills 3-9-10 Pat Eddery 5
2 1-06 AL ANBA 13 (D,F) J Czerpak 4-9-9 G Carter 4
3 0413 TAYLORS PRINCE 13 (CD,F,G) H Collingridge 4-9-6 A Cruz 7
4 1142 EVERY ONE A GEM 23 (D,F) M Ryan 4-9-4 R Cochrane 6
5 0902 CELESTIAL GUEST 7 (F) R Guest 4-9-2 M Roberts 3
6 603 FLYING CONNECTION 47 M Stoute 3-8-7 G Duffield 2
7 0011 BARBARY REEF 7 (CD,F) G Eden 3-7-12 (5ex) J Quinn 1

9-4 Barbary Reef, 100-30 Celestial Guest, 9-2 Flying Connection, 5-1 Modesto, 8-1 Every One A Gem, 10-1 others.

3.45 JULY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,490: 7f 2yd) (11)

1 0 FULL SIGHT 15 M Tompkins 9-4 M Godsafe (7) 6
2 44 PERFORATE 23 (BF) M Prescott 9-0 G Duffield 2
3 0 BOOGIE BOPPER 74 M Bell 8-12 M Roberts 5
4 33 BY ARRANGEMENT 43 R Guest 8-10 W Ryan 9
5 SCARBOROUGH HILL M Tompkins 8-6 R Cochrane 1
6 ZAMIRAH G Wragg 8-4 G Carter 7
7 060 APPLE 72 W Holden 8-3 B Russell (7) 10
8 DAMSTERS PET C Allen 8-3 G Bardwell 11
9 0 HONEY VISION 12 G Eden 8-2 J Quinn 8
10 5802 MISS PIN UP 14 Pat Mitchell 7-13 G Forster (7) 4
11 5R26 FINDLAYS CHOICE 16 M Ryan 7-12 F Norton (5) 3

3-1 By Arrangement, 4-1 Zamirah, 11-2 Perforate, 6-1 Scarborough Hill, 7-1 Boogie Bopper, 8-1 Miss Pin Up, 10-1 others.

4.15 J MEDLER LTD HANDICAP

(£3,143: 7f 2yd) (9)

1 5015 ANNABELLE ROYALE 21 (CD,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 5-9-12 M Roberts 5
2 0-00 HALEIM 18 (G) J Scargill 4-9-10 B Crossley 2
3 021 GRAND GUIGNOL 19 (D) G Wragg 3-9-9 F Norton (5) 8
4 -254 LA BELLE VIE 21 (CD,F,G) J Baker 5-9-6 G Carter 9
5 3130 JOKIST 28 (C,D,F,G,S) W Jarvis 8-9-4 M Tebbutt 4
6 0-64 KAIPHAS 13 I Balding 4-9-3 R Cochrane 1
7 0603 MU-ARRIK 14 H Thomson Jones 3-8-10 N Carlisle 6
8 /030 DR SOCK IT TO ME 11 J Sutcliffe 6-7-8 R Fox 7
9 /0-1 SABOTEUR 7 (CD,F,G) M Tompkins 7-7-7 (6ex) David Williams (7) 3

11-4 Grand Guignol, 4-1 Saboteur, 5-1 La Belle Vie, 6-1 Annabelle Royale, 8-1 Kaiphas, Mu-Arrik, 12-1 Jokist, 16-1 others.

4.45 LYDIA EVE MAIDEN STAKES

(£2,364: 1m 6f 17yd) (4)

1 CHERRYGROVE 78J R Curtis 5-9-7 A Cruz 3
2 JADIDH A Stewart 3-8-2 M Roberts 1
3 52 MARIE DE FRANCE 14 H Cecil 3-8-2 W Ryan 2
4 4 MILLROUS 20 R Guest 3-8-2 G Duffield 4

4-9 Marie De France, 7-2 Jadidh, 5-1 Millrous, 14-1 Cherrygrove.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 33 winners from 94 runners, 35.1%; B Hills, 9 from 28, 32.1%; M Stoute, 25 from 93, 26.9%; J Gosden, 8 from 35, 22.9%; A Stewart, 15 from 76, 19.7%; M Prescott, 9 from 48, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 13 winners from 50 rides, 26.0%; W Ryan, 19 from 103, 18.4%; M Hills, 9 from 53, 17.0%; N Carlisle, 4 from 25, 16.0%; R Cochrane, 17 from 107, 15.9%; A Cruz, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

Blinkered first time

DONCASTER: 3.30 Ring My Bell, Al Sabak. SANDOWN PARK: 7.40 Roofing, Gabbiadini.

REDCAR

MANDARIN
6.30 Ataturk. 7.00 Batabanoo. 7.30 El Nido. 8.00 Resolute Bay. 8.30 Rock Face. 9.00 Thrie-Na-Helah.

THUNDERER
6.30 Ante Up. 7.00 Phil-Man. 7.30 Routing. 8.00 Bali Sunset. 8.30 Rock Face. 9.00 Hilltown Blues.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 8.30 Rock Face.

GOING: FIRM

DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.30 LATE CUT MAIDEN STAKES

(£2,259: 1m) (3 runners)

1 6-63 ANTE UP 9 L Cumani 3-8-13 L Dettori 2
2 03-2 ATATURK 5 (BF) J Etherington 3-8-13 K Darley 3
3 MADRAJ H Thomson Jones 3-8-13 R Hills 1

11-10 Ante Up, 6-4 Ataturk, 3-1 Madraj.

7.00 FINE LEG SELLING STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,508: 7f) (15)

1 2311 BATABANOO 7 (CD,F) Mrs G Reveley 8-11 K Darley 14
2 004 CREEGO 26 W Pearce 8-11 D Nicholls 1
3 5553 EUROTWIST 7 T Barron 8-11 Alex Greaves 13
4 0040 HOT SEAT 18 J Bottomley 8-11 Paul Burke 5
5 P0 MILITARY EXPERT 20 J H Wilson 8-11 S Webster 9
6 MR ELK Mrs G Reveley 8-11 J Lowe 7
7 02 PHIL-MAN 18 T Fairhurst 8-11 J Fanning (5) 8
8 4544 REACH FOR GLORY 9 R Whitaker 8-11 A Culhane 3
9 0 TYNRON DOON 19 J Berry 8-11 J Carroll 2
10 00 BLUSHING OPAL 14 B Ellison 8-6 G Carter 10
11 0005 KASHMIR ROSE 7 M Brittain 8-6 S Maloney (5) 15
12 KELLY COLLEEN A Harrison 8-6 K Fallon 11
13 05 OFFSPRING 13 N Chamberlain 8-6 A Mackay 6
14 515 RAVECINO 53 (F) J Haldane 8-6 L Charnock 4
15 5660 SO REFINED 18 M H Easterby 8-6 M Birch 12

3-1 Batabanoo, 4-1 Ravecino, 9-2 Reach For Glory, 6-1 Eurotwist, 8-1 Creego, 12-1 Phil-Man, 14-1 So Refined, 16-1 others.

7.30 FAIRFIELD INDUSTRIES HANDICAP

(£2,950: 1m 1f) (5)

1 2-00 TURBOFAN 18 J Hills 3-9-10 R Hills 1
2 1483 ROUTING 25 (F) M Hammond 3-9-1 J Carroll 5
3 6314 PHALAROPE 2 (G) M H Easterby 3-8-6 M Birch 3
4 -031 EL NIDO 37 (G) M Camacho 3-8-4 N Connorton 2
5 0000 MUTHAIGA 5 (G) N Tinkler 5-8-3 Kim Tinkler 4

5-2 El Nido, 11-4 Routing, 3-1 Turbofan, 7-2 Phalarope, 10-1 Muthaiga.

8.00 YORKSHIRE CRICKET CLUB HANDICAP (£3,260: 6f) (8)

1 0201 RESOLUTE BAY 11 (V,CD,F,G) R Whitaker 5-10-3 — 3
2 2300 ALLINSON'S MATE 28 (F) T Barron 3-9-6 Alex Greaves 1
3 0315 CRYSTAL JACK 11 (D,F,G) F Lee 3-9-3 Dean McKeown 7
4 3543 QUATRE FEMME 5 (D,F) M Johnston 4-8-9 R P Elliott 6
5 0150 DENSBEN 19 (D,F,G,S) Denys Smith 7-8-0 L Charnock 4
6 0/000 NEW BEGINNING 5 (D,F,G) J Haldane 8-8-0 N Connorton 5
7 5111 RED ROSEIN 5 (D,F,G) J H Wilson 5-7-12 (7ex) G Carter 2
8 00-3 BALI SUNSET 4 (D,F,G) G Moore 5-7-7 A Mackay 8

3-1 Quatre Femme, 4-1 Red Rosein, Resolute Bay, 9-2 Densben, 11-2 Bali Sunset, 8-1 Crystal Jack, 12-1 others.

8.30 COVER DRIVE HANDICAP

(£2,521: 2m 4yd) (4)

1 14-3 ROCK FACE 44 (BF,F) M Prescott 4-9-12 G Duffield 2
2 6000 FAIRGROUNDPRINCESS 9 F Lee 3-7-7 J Lowe 4
3 5424 NIPOTINA 14 (C,F) R Hollinshead 5-7-7 A Garth (7) 1
4 0004 SPRING FORWARD 23 (V,D,F,G,S) R Peacock 7-7-7 J Quinn 3

11-10 Rock Face, 7-4 Nipotina, 11-2 Spring Forward, 8-1 Fairgroundprincess.

9.00 GOOGLY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,070: 6f) (6)

1 35 HILLTOWN BLUES 21 M H Easterby 8-2 M Birch 1
2 34 BATTUTA 15 R Earnshaw 7-8 A Mackay 4
3 CHICARD W Jarvis 7-8 J Lowe 2
4 0033 SPLENDIDLY BOLD 6 (B) M H Easterby 7-8 S Maloney (5) 3
5 SUNRAYS C W Elsey 7-8 J Fanning (5) 5
6 034 THRIE-NA-HELAH 11 R Whitaker 7-8 Dale Gibson 6

13-8 Battuta, 5-2 Chicard, 9-2 Splendidly Bold, 6-1 Hilltown Blues, 8-1 Thrie-Na-Helah, 10-1 Sun Rays.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 23 winners from 56 runners, 41.1%; H Thomson Jones, 20 from 67, 29.9%; J Hills, 9 from 41, 22.0%; M Prescott, 6 from 42, 14.3%; Mrs G Reveley, 19 from 153, 12.4%; F Lee, 4 from 34, 11.8%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 15 winners from 49 rides, 30.6%; R Hills, 28 from 117, 23.9%; G Carter, 11 from 79, 13.9%; Dean McKeown, 24 from 178, 13.5%; M Birch, 27 from 208, 13.0%; Dale Gibson, 4 from 33, 12.1%.

(Not including yesterday's results)

☐ Redcar's Sea Pigeon Handicap, won 12 months ago by subsequent Cesarewitch winner Trainglot, produced another potentially smart stayer yesterday when Jackson Flint defied 9st 10lb. The colt is trained at Newmarket by Tom Jones and is owned by his wife, Sarah.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Redcar

Going: firm

2.00 (7f) 1, Annaceramic (A Culhane, 10-1); 2, Foxes Diamond (7-1); 3, Golden Beau (11-1); 4, Sir Tasker (16-1). Travelling Blues 6-4 fav. 19 ran. NR: Petite Melusine, Scotch Imp, Vickenda. 4l, 1l. R Whitaker. Tote: £13.10; £2.50, £2.20, £2.30, £2.80. DF: £24.20. CSF: £84.70. Tricast: £758.35.

2.30 (1m 6f 19yd) 1, Jackson Flint (R Hills, 4-1); 2, Vain Prince (8-1); 3, Famous Beauty (9-2). Tasman Oak 100-30 jt-fav. 7 ran. 1l, ½l. H Thomson Jones. Tote: £3.00; £1.70, £5.20. DF: £27.80. CSF: £29.68.

3.00 (1m 1f) 1, Top Scale (J Lowe, 7-2); 2, Master Ofthe House (10-1); 3, Blue Grit (3-1 jt-fav). Governorship 3-1 jt-fav. 6 ran. 1½l, nk. J Hetherton. Tote: £3.90; £1.90, £4.90. DF: £23.50. CSF: £28.98.

3.30 (7f) 1, Good Reference (M Hills, 6-4 fav); 2, Jewellery Quarter (5-2); 3, Khalloof (13-8). 4 ran. ½l, 2½l. M Bell. Tote: £2.30. DF: £2.70. CSF: £5.08.

4.00 (1m 3f) 1, Doctor's Remedy (S Maloney, 11-4 fav); 2, No More The Fool (11-2); 3, Magic At Dawn (7-2). 8 ran. Nk, 1½l. Mrs J Jordan. Tote: £3.10; £1.80, £1.80. DF: £3.90. CSF: £15.25

4.30 (5f) 1, Strawberry Pink (M Birch, 4-5 fav); 2, Minstrel Magic (5-2); 3, Oh So Cheeky (16-1). 5 ran. 8l, 3l. M H Easterby. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.50. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.23.

Placepot: £249.90.

Folkestone

Going: good (str); good to firm (rnd)

2.15 (6f 189yd) 1, Deprecator (G Hind, 1-9 fav); 2, Tapestry Dancer (9-1); 3, Rocky Habitat (12-1). 3 ran. 8l, 4l. J Gosden. Tote: £1.10. DF: £1.20. CSF: £1.69.

2.45 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, Sayaana (N Carlisle, 12-1); 2, Tamnon (15-2); 3, Little Preston (8-1). Foreign Assignment 3-1 fav. 15 ran. 1½l, 2½l. A Moore. Tote: £18.60; £4.90, £2.40, £2.80. DF: £104.50. CSF: £100.31. Tricast: £708.71. No bid.

3.15 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, Dizzy (Pat Eddery, 8-15 fav); 2, Sea Breaker (13-8); 3, Opening Run (25-1). 3 ran. 4l, 30l. B Hills. Tote: £1.30. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.84.

3.45 (1m 4f) 1, Raise A Star (N Adams, 5-1); 2, Miners Law (6-1); 3, Ballet Classique (7-4 fav). 5 ran. 8l, 2l. R Akehurst. Tote: £7.00; £2.80, £3.40. DF: £15.20. CSF: £24.51.

4.15 (5f) 1, Arabellajill (R Perham, 13-2); 2, Wild Honour (11-4); 3, Mister Bandit (7-2). Rose Of Eire 15-8 fav. 5 ran. ¾l, 1½l. R Hannon. Tote: £7.80; £3.80, £1.10. DF: £20.10. CSF: £22.38. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.45 (5f) 1, Freddie Lloyd (J Quinn, 15-8 fav; Mandarin's nap); 2, Splice (11-4); 3, Hot Lavender (4-1). 8 ran. Sh hd, 1½l. A Lee. Tote: £3.80; £1.50, £1.70, £1.30. DF: £7.50. CSF: £7.77.

Placepot: £169.80.

MONDAY'S LATE RESULTS

Windsor

Going: good

7.10 (1m 3f 150yd) 1, Flown (J Reid, 16-1); 2, Vintage (2-1 fav); 3, Bookcase (11-4). 9 ran. 1½l, 4l. R Hannon. Tote: £13.80; £2.20, £1.40, £1.60. DF: £15.20. CSF: £48.54. Tricast: £110.80. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

7.40 (1m 70yd) 1, Stylish Gent (J Reid, 5-1); 2, Charcoal Burner (33-1); 3, Walking Saint (10-1). Rosietoes 2-1 fav. 21 ran. Sh hd, 1½l. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £6.90; £2.10, £7.70, £4.70. DF: £187.80. CSF: £164.89.

8.10 (6f) 1, Walk In The Park (T Williams, 7-1); 2, Wild Honour (6-4 fav); 3, Toshiba Comet Star (8-1). 10 ran. 2l, 1½l. R Simpson. Tote: £10.00; £2.40, £1.40, £1.70. DF: £7.70. CSF: £18.66. Tricast: £66.91.

8.40 (1m 70yd) 1, Scented Goddess (D Biggs, 12-1); 2, Miss Burfield (9-1); 3, Lucky Noire (5-1). Devil's Soul 9-2 fav. 15 ran. ½l, 3½l. J Moore. Tote: £14.20; £3.20, £2.70, £2.10. DF: £54.40. CSF: £109.77. Tricast: £563.40.

Placepot: £234.20.

Nottingham

Going: good to firm (firm in places)

7.20 (5f 15yd) 1, Marabella Star (S Cauthen, 1-8 fav); 2, Merryhill Madam (14-1); 3, Young Musician (20-1). 5 ran. 3½l, 5l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.10; £1.10, £2.00. DF: £2.00. CSF: £2.21.

7.50 (5f 15yd) 1, Conned Again (L Dettori, 7-4 fav); 2, Palacegate Racing (3-1); 3, Elysian Sprite (9-1). 8 ran. 1½l, 1½l. M W Easterby. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £1.50, £2.50. DF: £2.90. CSF: £7.28.

8.20 (1m 6f 15yd) 1, Merton Mill (L Dettori, 11-4 fav); 2, Rain God (10-1); 3, Showmanship (9-1). 11 ran. 2½l, 1½l. D Morley. Tote: £3.10; £1.90, £2.80, £2.00. DF: £19.40. CSF: £27.73. Tricast: £199.30.

8.50 (1m 54yd) 1, Oh Mercy (S Cauthen, 4-6 fav); 2, More Glitters (4-1); 3, Hamadryad (3-1). 5 ran. 3½l, 1½l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.90. DF: £2.40. CSF: £3.66.

Placepot: £20.20.

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Title contenders are able to make only limited progress as rain bites deeply into county championship programme

Sussex discover an unexpected sting in Gloucester's tail

By RICHARD STREETON

CHELTENHAM (first day of three; Sussex won toss): Gloucestershire made 283 all out against Sussex

GLOUCESTERSHIRE appeared to have frittered away a promising foundation laid by Hodgson and Wright yesterday when they reached 142 for one and then lost seven wickets in 19 overs. Fierce hitting by Andy Babington, who made 58 from 30 balls, then restored their fortunes on a day shortened by two stoppages.

Babington, whose previous best score was 20, hit five sixes and three fours against his former county. A good pitch on which the ball bounced higher than usual was tailor-made for Babington's left-handed drives and pulls, made with a full swing of the bat. He and Gilbert added 78 in eight overs for the ninth wicket before Babington finally lifted a high catch to short extra cover.

An eventful day also included three oddities. First a leg-bye for six. Then a five for Athey when he edged Jones, was missed in the slips and the ball was deflected onto a helmet "parked" on the ground behind the wicketkeeper. Finally Gerrard, the last man, fell to what everyone bar the umpire was certain was the seventh ball of an over.

Even Bert Avery, the retired Gloucestershire scorer, with more than 60 years in the game, could not recall ever seeing six leg-byes before. A ball from Jones struck Wright's body and the batsmen ran two. Colin Wells, a substitute fielding on the leg side, returned the ball to Moores, who hurled it at the bowler's stumps where it went for four overthrows. Sussex bowled and fielded with zest and their outcricket is never dull to watch.

Hodgson and Wright put on 117 together after Scott was caught at square leg in the eighth over when he tried to turn a ball from Dodemaide. Pigott retired early on suffering from gastro-enteritis and Dodemaide and Jones, who each took five wickets, had to shoulder a great deal of work and responded well, though both suffered at Babington's hands, Dodemaide conceding four sixes to him.

Wright from the start employed more strokes and hit the ball far more firmly than he sometimes does. Wright has made two hundreds this year but generally, since his appointment last year, he has found it hard to combine captaincy with scoring runs. On the other hand he must be credited for the fact that the Gloucestershire dressing room these days is considered by many to be the happiest on the county circuit.

Hodgson is one of those solid, dependable batsman who knows his limitations and takes few risks. Several times the ball's bounce allowed him to utilise a good looking square cut and he virtually kept level with his captain. Hodgson was out in slightly unlucky fashion. He managed to come down on a yorker from Dodemaide but it squeezed under his bat and trickled gently into his stumps with Hodgson slow to react.

Wright was third out at 165 in the 57th over when he aimed a hook against Jones and Moores took a good, leg-side catch. Wright finished with 13 fours after a stay of two-and-threequarter hours.

Under the eyes of the master: Vivian Richards, the West Indies captain, offers expert coaching to youngsters at Birmingham Sports Centre yesterday before moving on to Edgbaston to prepare for the fourth Test match

Seymour enjoys his outing

By SIMON WILDE

CARDIFF (first day of three: Glamorgan won toss): Essex have scored 113 for no wicket against Glamorgan.

ESSEX'S pursuit of Warwickshire at the top of the Britannic Assurance Championship has become rather more breathless than they would like. Over the past month, they have kept in touch only by arranging third-day run chases, all on terms adverse to themselves; their reward was three wins, two defeats and no draws.

Essex will do well to contrive a finish out of their visit to Wales. Yesterday, they spent much of the day watching Cardiff being threatened by dark clouds and lashed by rain. Their frustration was clear from the way a brooding Keith Fletcher, the Essex coach, paced the pavilion balcony like a general in search of a battle.

That said, Essex made good use of the 42 overs the elements allowed, Stephenson and Seymour, the openers, remaining together in a partnership worth 113 by the close. In the last over of the day, with an on-driven four off Watkin, Seymour reached the highest score of his brief championship career, 69.

When play began almost an hour late, Glamorgan must have had high hopes of their seam bowlers, Watkin and Frost in particular, taking advantage of conditions which suited them perfectly and a toss that went in their favour.

Watkin and Frost took 18 wickets between them in the previous match against Gloucestershire, but although they had the Essex pair playing and missing, they had left their luck behind in Cheltenham. The nearest Glamorgan came to a wicket was when Seymour, on five, was dropped by Maynard at second slip off Watkin.

Seymour, who has played in the championship only occasionally this season, usually standing in when Gooch has been away with England, was unperturbed either by his let-off or the three lengthy breaks in play for rain. Seymour, aged 23, and a left-hander, likes to play his shots and showed his pedigree with several high quality strokes. He certainly did not suffer in comparison with the more experienced Stephenson, whom he left lagging behind as he moved to his half-century out of only 73.

In the absence of Gooch and Pringle, who is also on England duty, and the injured Foster, Essex were led for the first time by Prichard, although no doubt it will be Fletcher's fingers on the calculator when the time comes.

Cook and Smith head the field

By GEOFFREY WHEELER

JIMMY Cook and Chris Smith, who will both be lost to county cricket come September, yesterday overtook Salim Malik as the leading run-makers of the season.

Cook's sixth century of the season, his 23rd first-class hundred for Somerset, looked inevitable from the time he stroked three fours in the opening over from Greg Thomas after the visitors had been invited to bat by the Northamptonshire captain, Robert Bailey.

Cook would no doubt have had a century before lunch but for two brief interruptions for rain. The bowlers, who could reasonably have expected some help from the humid conditions, must have been glad of the relief. Cook, his concentration unbroken, reached three figures in 140 minutes, and had advanced to 173 by the close when Somerset were 266 for two. He has so far hit 24 fours and a five from 281 balls.

Conditions were much more difficult for Smith at Chesterfield after Hampshire had decided to bat. Malcolm and the other Derbyshire quick bowlers were quite a handful but Smith, missed at mid-on off Malcolm when only four, battled away despite playing and missing on a number of occasions.

Although the day's play was limited to 54 overs, Smith finished it 92 not out, his sixth century of the season well in range and Hampshire handily placed at 151 for one.

Nottinghamshire, on a roll after three successive championship wins, removed the Yorkshire captain Martyn Moxon with the first ball of the day at Worksop, Stephenson having him caught behind. But further progress was limited by numerous breaks for rain and the stubborness of Byas, who has made 61 of Yorkshire's 124 for three.

Martin makes an impression

By PETER BALL

OLD TRAFFORD (Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire have scored 16 for two wickets against Lancashire

TO TALK about a Lancashire revival on the strength of 16 overs would be excessive but, after their two wins over Middlesex at the weekend, they took what little satisfaction there was at Old Trafford yesterday.

Their victory at Uxbridge on Monday left them 41 points behind Warwickshire but perhaps even more important has been the psychological boost of the weekend's two successes after a dismal fortnight.

Yesterday, both sides went into a potentially crucial encounter without their captains. Andy Lloyd was missing with a toe injury while David Hughes had recurring knee problems.

Lancashire were also without Atherton and DeFreitas, on Test match duty, and Hegg, whose ankle injury opened the way for John Stanworth, the second-team captain, to make his first appearance for four years. He kept tidily and had the pleasure of watching one of his protegés, Peter Martin, prove there is more to Lancashire's attack than Wasim Akram.

Martin, aged 22, tall and gangling, was regarded as Yorkshire's great hope until it was discovered he was born in Accrington. He has been nursed along carefully since his move across the Pennines, without, it has to be said, so far pulling up any trees.

Yesterday, it was possible to see what all the excitement had been about. On a pitch which gave some help under low cloud cover, he extracted life and movement off a generally full length but with a noticeably straight bouncer to keep the batsmen wary. His figures of 8-6-5-2 were no more than he deserved.

CYCLING

Indurain guides way up the Alps

ALPE d'HUEZ (Agencies) — An Italian again won — this time it was the turn of Gianni Bugno — but it was Miguel Indurain, the man in the yellow jersey, who dominated yesterday's seventeenth stage of the Tour de France. The Spaniard stayed with Bugno all the way up the concluding 22-hairpin climb to this Alpine ski resort and made ground on all his, and now Bugno's, rivals.

Bugno, who was first last year on this often decisive stage, gained one second on Indurain, reducing his deficit to 3min 09sec, and also climbed above the Frenchman, Charly Mottet, who had been lyingsecond. So did the other Italian to feature yesterday, Claudio Chiappucci, the "bionic rider", second in the Tour last year and who lost ground only in the final tortuous kilometres. He goes into today's much longer second Alpine stage of 225 kilometres from Bourg-d'Oisans to Morzine with 4min 48sec to make up on Indurain.

It was the fifth successive stage an Italian had won, though according to Bugno, who crossed the line without giving the customary victory salute, he was unaware this was the case as he thought someone else was ahead of them. Last year, Bugno beat the eventual winner, Greg LeMond, in a sprint finish at the same spot. He repeated the feat yesterday over a rider who looks set to inherit the American's mantle.

Only five stages remain before Sunday afternoon's final parade to the Champs Elysées in Paris. Saturday's individual time-trial of 57 kilometres from Lugny to Macon will suit the all-round Indurain as much as the mountains.

LeMond saw his chances of a fourth Tour de France win fade and probably die as he came in almost two minutes behind the front three yesterday. His deficit on Indurain grew to six-and-a-half minutes. He had survived a testing day, however, and was still in the race.

While Mottet, the French hope, was found wanting, the cheers of the 200,000 spectators lining the Alpe d'Huez slopes, switched to the young pretender, Luc Leblanc, who earlier in the race had worn the yellow jersey for a single day. Though the nominal deputy to the Castorama team leader, Laurent Fignon, a former Tour winner, Leblanc again struck a rich vein in the mountains, sticking to the wheels of Indurain and Bugno right up to the summit to finish third. He edged up to sixth place overall, above Fignon, who had to concede ground as the pressure was applied. Fignon had brought LeMond into his sights, however.

The Italian elation was marred yesterday by a serious accident involving Marco Lietti, the winner of Monday's stage into Gap. Warming up before the stage, the 27-year-old Ariostea rider swerved to avoid a child who ran into his path and crashed into a small truck that was part of the Tour entourage. According to preliminary reports, he suffered a broken collarbone and fracture of a femur.

☐ LeMond's Z team confirmed yesterday that he will compete in the 145-mile Wincanton Classic World Cup race at Brighton on August 4, a week after the end of the Tour de France. Also taking part will be Indurain, Mottet, Phil Anderson and Moreno Argentin.

RESULT: Seventeenth stage (Gap to Alpe-d'Huez, 125km): 1, G Bugno (It, Gatorade), 3hr 25min 48sec; 2, M Indurain (Sp, Banesto), at 1sec; 3, L Leblanc (Fr, Castorama), at 2; 4, J-F Bernard (Fr, Banesto), 35; 5, S Rooks (Neth, Buckler), 43; 6, C Chiappucci (It, Carrera); 7, T Claveyrolat (Fr, RMO), all same time; 8, P Delgado (Sp, Banesto), 45; 9, L Fignon (Fr, Castorama), 1min 28sec; 10, A Mejia Castrillon (Col, Ryalco), 1:13; 11, U Ampler (Ger, Histor), 1:58; 12, C Mottet (Fr, RMO); 13, G-J Theunisse (Neth, TVM); 14, G LeMond (US, Z), all at 1:58; 15, G Rué (Fr, Helvetia), 2:00. Others: 75, R Millar (GB, Z), 8:53; 140, L Roche (Ire, Tonton Tapis), 14:22. Overall standings: 1, Indurain, 79:05:25; 2, Bugno, at 3:09; 3, Chiappucci, 4:48; 4, Mottet, 4:57; 5, LeMond, 6:39; 6, Leblanc, 6:58; 7, Fignon, 7:03; 8, A Hampsten (US, Motorola), 9:25; 9, E Chozas (Sp, Once), 16:22; 10, Rué, 16:56; 11, Delgado, 17:14; 12, M Fondriest (It, Panasonic), 20:27; 13, A Rondon (Col, Banesto), 20:33; 14, D Roux (Fr, Toshiba), 21:18; 15, Bernard, 22:33. Others: 82, Millar, 1:19:04; 161, Roche, 2:19:51.
Today: Bourg-d'Oisans to Morzine, 255km.

Festival is off to a wet start

RAIN, the scourge of first-class cricket this summer, curtailed the first day of the Bunbury English Schools Cricket Association festival (ESCA) yesterday (Ivo Tennant writes). Both opening matches, between Midlands and South at Bromsgrove School and North against West at Malvern College, were abandoned as draws.

The importance of the festival is illustrated by the fact that, of England's likely side tomorrow, Atherton and Ramprakash took part as recently as the mid-1980s.

Today, Robert Atkins, the minister for sport, will present caps to the boys, who are 15 years old or younger. Basil D'Oliveira and Tom Graveney are expected here during the festival, which culminates in a two-day match between ESCA and Hubert Doggart's XI at the County Ground, Worcester.

The boys will be overseen by John Abrahams, the Test and County Cricket Board's under-15s coach.

YESTERDAY'S BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARDS

Derbys v Hants

CHESTERFIELD (first day of three: Hampshire won toss): Hampshire have scored 151 for one wicket against Derbyshire

HAMPSHIRE: First innings

T C Middleton run out	3
C L Smith not out	92
K D James not out	48
Extras (lb 2, nb 6)	8
Total (1 wkt, 54 overs)	151

*M C J Nicholas, D I Gower, J R Ayling, †A N Aymes, R J Maru, C A Connor, I J Turner and K J Shine to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-17.

DERBYSHIRE: *K J Barnett, P D Bowler, J E Morris, M Azharuddin, T J G O'Gorman, S C Goldsmith, †K M Krikken, D G Cork, R W Sladdin, D E Malcolm and O H Mortensen.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 0, Hampshire 1.

Umpires: D O Oslear and K E Palmer.

Glamorgan v Essex

CARDIFF (first day of three; Glamorgan won toss): Essex have scored 113 for no wicket against Glamorgan

ESSEX: First innings

A C Seymour not out	69
J P Stephenson not out	38
Extras (lb 3, nb 3)	6
Total (no wkt, 43 overs)	113

*P J Prichard, Salim Malik, N Hussain, N Shahid, †M A Garnham, T D Topley, A G J Fraser, S J W Andrew and J H Childs to bat

GLAMORGAN: *A R Butcher, S P James, A Dale, M P Maynard, R J Shastri, P A Cottey, R D B Croft, †C P Metson, S L Watkin, S Bastien and M Frost.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and A A Jones.

Dodemaide: five wickets

Worcs v Kent

WORCESTER (first day of three; Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire have scored 55 for one wicket against Kent

WORCESTERSHIRE : First innings

T S Curtis not out	27
P Bent c Marsh b Merrick	0
T M Moody not out	26
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (1 wkt, 14 overs)	55

D B D'Oliveira, *P A Neale, G R Haynes, †S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, P J Newport, G R Dilley and R D Stemp to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-5.

KENT: *M R Benson, T R Ward, N R Taylor, G R Cowdrey, S G Hinks, †S A Marsh, M V Fleming, T A Merrick, A P Igglesden, R P Davis and C Penn.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and B Leadbeater.

Gloucs v Sussex

CHELTENHAM (first day of three; Sussex won toss): Gloucestershire have scored 283 against Sussex

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First innings

G D Hodgson b Dodemaide	46
R J Scott c Speight b Dodemaide	18
*A J Wright c Moores b Jones	70
C W J Athey c Lenham b Dodemaide	10
M W Alleyne b Jones	0
P W Romaines c Moores b Jones	4
J W Lloyds c Speight b Dodemaide	8
†R C J Williams c Smith b Dodemaide	5
D R Gilbert not out	28
A M Babington c Lenham b Jones	58
M J Gerrard c Moores b Jones	2
Extras (lb 19, w 1, nb 14)	34
Total (79 overs)	283

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-142, 3-165, 4-170, 5-170, 6-178, 7-190, 8-190, 9-268.

BOWLING: Jones 23-3-84-5; Dodemaide 33-3-130-5; Pigott 7-3-13-0; Lenham 4-0-14-0; Salisbury 2-0-8-0; Donelan 10-5-15-0.

SUSSEX: N J Lenham, D M Smith, *P W G Parker, A P Wells, M P Speight, A C S Pigott, A I C Dodemaide, †P Moores, B T P Donelan, I D K Salisbury and A N Jones.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 3, Sussex 4.

Umpires: G I Burgess and P B Wight.

Lancs v Warwicks

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of three; Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire have scored 16 for two wickets against Lancashire

WARWICKSHIRE: First innings

A J Moles lbw b Martin	9
J D Ratcliffe c Allott b Martin	0
Asif Din not out	1
D P Ostler not out	0
Extras	6
Total (2 wkts, 16 overs)	16

*D A Reeve, P A Smith, †P C L Holloway, G C Small, A R K Pierson, T A Munton and A A Donald to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-16.

LANCASHIRE: G D Mendis, G Fowler, G D Lloyd, *N H Fairbrother, S P Titchard, M Watkinson, Wasim Akram, G Yates, P J W Allott, P J Martin and †J Stanworth.

Umpires: R Palmer and N T Plews.

Northants v Somerset

NORTHAMPTON (first day of three; Northamptonshire won toss): Somerset have scored 266 for two wickets against Northamptonshire

SOMERSET: First innings

S J Cook not out	173
P M Roebuck c Ripley b Baptiste	32
A N Hayhurst b Cook	29
*C J Tavaré not out	22
Extras (lb 4, w 4, nb 2)	10
Total (2 wkts, 88 overs)	266

R J Harden, K H MacLeay, †N D Burns, R P Lefebvre, J C Hallett, D A Graveney and A P Van Troost to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-135, 2-230.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: A Fordham, N A Felton, *R J Bailey, W Larkins, D J Capel, K M Curran, E A E Baptiste, R G Williams, J G Thomas, †D Ripley and N G B Cook.

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 0, Somerset 3.

Umpires: H D Bird and B J Meyer.

Notts v Yorks

WORKSOP (first day of three; Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 123 for three wickets against Nottinghamshire

YORKSHIRE: First innings

*M D Moxon c French b Stephenson	0
A A Metcalfe c Robinson b Pick	29
D Byas not out	61
†R J Blakey c French b Evans	19
P E Robinson not out	0
Extras (lb 9, nb 5)	14
Total (3 wkts, 53 overs)	123

S A Kellett, P Carrick, P J Hartley, J D Batty, M A Robinson and S D Fletcher to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-54, 3-118.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: B C Broad, P R Pollard, *R T Robinson, P Johnson, D W Randall, K P Evans, †B N French, F D Stephenson, E E Hemmings, R A Pick and J A Afford.

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 1, Yorkshire 0.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and R A White.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chelmsford: Essex 199; Glamorgan 35-0. Bristol: Kent 318-3 (M A Ealham 213, M C Dobson 54) v Gloucestershire. Marske-by-Sea: Worcestershire 232-3 (G J Lord 110, D A Leatherdale 59) v Yorkshire.

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Heanor: Derbyshire 221-9 (J Goldthorpe 62); Northants 223-4 (M Loye 60). Northants won by 4 wkts. Southampton: Glamorgan 231-8 (S P James 64, D L Hemp 60); Hampshire 232-5 (T C Middleton 108). Hampshire won by 5 wkts. Norbury: MCC Young Cricketers 185-9 (C Rogers 58); Sussex 189-1 (J W Hall 76 not out, C C Remy 65). Sussex won by 9 wkts. Hove: Sussex 162; Middlesex 163-3 (M A Roseberry 63). Middlesex won by 7 wkts.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Oxford: Oxfordshire 192 for 4 dec and 197 for 7 dec; Shropshire 141 and 103-8 (K Arnold 4-30). Match drawn. Sherborne: Wales 210-6 dec and 223-7 dec (A Harris 66, A Puddle 100; N Taylor 4-58); Dorset 186 and 79-2. Match drawn. Stone: Lincoln 178-9 dec and 246 (D Storer 112 not out); Staffordshire 228-2 dec and 220-4 (D Cartlege 59, D Banks 76). Staffordshire won by 6 wkts. Instow: Devon 228-5 (N A Folland 95, A J Pugh 60) and 283-7 (J H Edwards 68, R I Dawson 87). Wiltshire 225-4 (J J Newman 70, D R Turner 52) and 245-7 (Newman 69, Turner 52). Match drawn.

Britannic Assurance county championship

11.00, 110 overs minimum

CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Hampshire
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Essex
CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Sussex

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Warwickshire

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Somerset
WORKSOP: Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Kent

Tour match

10.45, 55 overs

WOLVERHAMPTON: England Amateur XI v Sri Lankans

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Heanor: Derbyshire v Sussex. Chelmsford: Essex v Glamorgan. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Kent. Richmond: Middlesex v Leicestershire. Wellingborough School: Northamptonshire v Somerset. Worksop College: Nottinghamshire v Surrey. Studley: Warwickshire v Lancashire. Marske-by-Sea: Yorkshire v Worcestershire.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Lakenham: Norfolk v Hertfordshire. Jesmond: Northumberland v Cambridgeshire. Trowbridge: Wiltshire v Shropshire.

YACHTING

Rivals put in their place by Juno V

By BARRY PICKTHALL

JUNO V, Mike Peacock's Admiral's Cup yacht, skippered by Mike McIntyre, finished the Oracle Lymington regatta yesterday in the best possible way, with a 42-second win over the German 50-footer, Container.

The win lifted Juno above her Admiral's Cup rivals in the regatta to finish the series second behind Paul Cayard and his Italian America's Cup crew on Abracadabra. The victory also maintained the British yacht's second placing in the 50ft world championship series.

A similar final flourish promised by Wings of Oracle, the RAF's Admiral's Cup yacht, failed to materialise. The two-tonner finished the series fourth in class, suggesting that further crew changes are required if she is to compete at the top level in next month's Admiral's Cup.

Port Pendennis, the third boat in Britain's line-up, was undergoing a keel change yesterday, but still finished the series fourth after counting two first places in the One Ton class.

Overall, the result pleased Iain MacDonald Smith, Britain's Admiral's Cup team director. "Italy, America and, perhaps, Denmark are going to be our strongest rivals," he said yesterday. "Juno and Port Pendennis are capable of finishing first or second in their classes, but to win the Cup we have to lift Oracle's performance to third. The boat has improved since the crew changes but so have the opposition. We now have ten days to make the necessary changes."

John Philpin, the spokesman for Oracle, the software company sponsoring the RAF entry, confirmed its continued dissatisfaction with the boat's performance. "There have to be changes, that's for sure," he said.

RESULTS. 50ft class: 1, Juno V (M McIntyre, GB); 2, Container (P Lester, Ger); 3, Abracadabra (P Cayard, It). Overall: 1, Abracadabra, 22.75pts; 2, Juno V, 25.5; 3, Container, 27; 4, Tuborg (I Andersen, Den), 29.5; 5, Champosa V (M Morita, US), 30.75. Two Ton class: 1, Unibank (J Christensen, Den); 2, La Rouge (G Degennaro, It); 3, Wings of Oracle (S Childerley, GB). Overall: 1, Larouge, 2, Unibank, 3, Bravura (S Benjamin, US); 4, Wings of Oracle. One Ton class: 1, Brava (F de Angelis, It); 2, Zurich (J Hoest, Den); 3, Corum Diamant (X Phelipon, Fr). Overall: 1, Zurich, 2, Vibes (D Clarke, US); 3, Corum Diamant; 4, Port Pendennis (L Smith, GB).

SWIMMING

York club is facing a cash problem

By CRAIG LORD

PADDY Garratt, who earlier this year resigned as coach to Millfield School after more than 20 years, could lose his new job at York City Baths Club because of legislation designed to introduce competition into local authority sport and leisure services.

While Total Leisure Management, now responsible for parts of the programme for the city, is supportive of the club, which is more than 100 years old, it is to launch its own swimming teaching programme in September.

With the club unable to carry out as much teaching as it has done for many years, revenue will dwindle as the salaries of Garratt and his assistants will be hard, if not impossible, to meet.

Garratt said: "The club can't afford to lose that money and you can't expect the members to make up the difference.

"They already pay £38-a-month in fees before travel and hotel bills and entries for meets. We hope some compromise can be arrived at to help reduce our costs."

BOXING

McCrory a volunteer for time at Catterick

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

GLENN McCrory aims to put a 'true Brit' on the British heavyweight throne on September 30 at the Albert Hall. McCrory does not consider Lennox Lewis British, even though the British and European champion was born in London. Lewis was brought up in Canada and won a gold medal for that country at the Seoul Olympic Games in 1988.

McCrory: the challenger

McCrory said yesterday: "In every picture you see of Lewis, he's got a Union Jack draped around him. He's trying hard to be British. I want to get rid of the pretender to the crown."

The 6ft 4in Geordie, who struggled to make the 13st 8lb cruiserweight limit 18 months ago, said: "If Lennox thinks he is still fighting a cruiserweight, he's in for a big surprise. I am two-and-a-half stone heavier than for my last fight. I'm faster and hitting harder. I've filled out and matured."

McCrory was not not taking too much notice of Lewis's recent win in America over Mike Weaver, a former world champion, but he is clearly taking Lewis seriously. He has called in the Army to help him.

"Lewis is potentially a good fighter, but as a heavyweight he hasn't been tested," McCrory said. "Against Mike Weaver, he did a good job of mugging an old man. I'm going to Catterick to train with the Green Howards for the last four weeks."

ROWING

Grainger put in charge of junior four

BRUCE Grainger, who resigned as international performance director for the Amateur Rowing Association last April, is to coach the leading British boat in the world junior championships in Banyoles, Spain, next week (Mike Rosewell writes).

Grainger was named yesterday as coach to the coxless four, the combination considered the best medal prospect of the 11-boat team. The crew is stroked by Richard Hamilton, a silver mdeal winner in last year's junior eight, and includes Harry Turnbull, a member of this year's all-conquering Eton crew, Graham Smith, aged 16, and Richard Rogers, who competed in last year's championships in a double scull.

Grainger, whose connection with leading junior rowing goes back to the 1970s, also revealed yesterday that he will in September be joining the science staff at Eton, where he will assist on the river, although at levels below the first eight.

Julian Fox is again to coach the coxed four, after helping last year's crew to win bronze medals.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Britons exploit home advantage to effect

By JANE WYATT

GREAT Britain dominated the men's open table tennis event at the Courage Games (1991 World Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Games), winning all three medals. Chris Ball, of High Wycombe, defeated Phil Evans, of Oswestry, in the final, with Martin Evans, of Rookwood, Wales, winning the bronze medal.

In the women's events, Val Beck, from County Durham, played her way to three gold medals, in the TT4 individual, the open and, with Dawn Jackson, in the team competition.

The familiar environment helped the squad to success in all the team competitions and, in what was its most successful international competition, it finished with six gold, four silver and six bronze medals.

In the pool, Andrew Blake, from Basildon, set a Games record in the S7 100 metres freestyle, recording 1min 20.28sec to beat Arkaduisz Pawlowski, of Poland, by four-hundredths of a second.

Kenny Cairns, of Erskine, Scotland, has two gold medals, winning the S4 100 metres freestyle with a record time of 2min 07.49sec and the 25 metres individual medley (class M3).

Beverley Gull marked her comeback to the international scene with a gold medal in the S4 100 metres freestyle, setting a new standard of 1min 25.38sec.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

LEN WALKER TESTIMONIAL MATCH: Aldershot v Arsenal (7.30).
PRE-SEASON MATCH: Shelbourne v Leeds United (7.30).

OTHER SPORT

CROQUET: ATCO British open championships (Hurlingham).

GOLF: Carris Trophy (Long Ashton); English girls' championship (Knole Park).

SHOOTING: National Rifle Association meeting (Bisley).

SPEEDWAY: Individual: ClubCall Golden Hammer (Cradley Heath, 7.45). Sunbrite League: Second division: Long Eaton v Rye House (7.30).

TENNIS: Federation Cup (Nottingham).
YACHTING: J24 European championships (Cowes).

RUGBY UNION

England emerge as a serious threat to Australian pride

Emerging Australians 3
England XV 36

From David Hands
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GOSFORD, NEW SOUTH WALES

BOB DWYER, the Australian coach, was a thoughtful man here at Grahame Park yesterday. England's most convincing display of the tour so far, which earned them victory by three goals, three tries, a penalty goal and a dropped goal to a penalty goal, had made a clutch of hopeful Wallabies look more like departing than emerging.

The nature of the win, however, will have confirmed Dwyer's opinion that he was right to pick Simon Poidevin ahead of Jeff Miller as his open-side flanker in the international match on Saturday.

The strength of England's back row-scrum half link allowed them to dominate this match for the best part of the 80 minutes whereas, in five previous matches, they have not managed such consistency for more than half a game.

Training apart, there were two emotional reasons for this. Olver, the captain, made the point that it might be the last occasion in which many of the players appeared together for their country. "There has been a special camaraderie ever since I have been involved with England," he said. "I told them to go out and enjoy themselves and we did."

England were also steeled to the task by the objectionable action of Didier, the Australian prop, which should have been punished with dismissal. Didier was sent off for punching against the England Students at Stratford last November — when a far better Emerging Australians side toured — and came close to severely damaging Simon Halliday's left eye when the England centre was caught at the bottom of a ruck.

There were no mitigating circumstances. Halliday was trapped after making a tackle and could not even raise his arms to protect himself when Didier raked his body then stamped on his head.

"My vision is blurred but I'm fortunate the injury is not more serious," Halliday said. "I can't believe I could be trampled on like that without someone being sent off."

Didier's offence was seen by Phil Thomas, the touch judge, but Mark Powell, the referee, declined to do more than lecture Didier and award England a penalty, which Hodgkinson missed.

There is a possibility that representatives of the accompanying Rugby Football Union party may take this further but the incident did have the effect of reducing Didier to a cipher which Rendall, in the set scrums, had been well on the way to doing anyway.

Had the England midfield been able to straighten the line better, the score could have turned into a rout. On the day, the strength of the forward play enabled England to punch great holes though the defence so that Morris could score two tries before the interval, by which time the lead was 21-0.

Winterbottom, of course, was playing for his international place. So was Teague, to a lesser extent, while Redman, who knows he must give way to Ackford, played another storming game. It was he who paved the way for the first try, unselfishly given to Heslop on a plate by Hodgkinson, who may not have done enough to reclaim his place from Webb at full back.

With the Australian pack back-pedalling desperately and Ackford dominating the middle of the lineout, scores came with great regularity, though it was not until the second half that the threequarters joined in. Pears, who had his best game of the tour and kicked to the lines with great confidence, dropped a goal and then made the break which Hopley completed.

The stand-off half also gave the delightful pass which allowed Hunter to offer an enormous sidestep to Knox and score from 40 metres before Teague, with a nicely prosaic touch, scored the final try from a five-metre scrum. It was as if the forwards were rounding off the party by putting their own stamp — legal this time — on the game.

SCORERS: Emerging Australians: Penalty goal: Knox. England XV: Tries: Morris (2), Heslop, Hopley, Hunter, Teague. Conversions: Hodgkinson (3). Penalty goal: Hodgkinson. Dropped goal: Pears.

EMERGING AUSTRALIANS: D Knox (Randwick, NSW); D Junee (Eastwood, NSW), C Wells (Drummoyne, NSW), D Maguire (Brothers, Queensland), C Newman (Royals, ACT); J Allen (Northerns, NSW), A Macdonald (Randwick, NSW); M Murray (Randwick, NSW, captain; rep: A Blades, Gordon, NSW), P Palmer (Wollongong, NSW), G Didier (Royals, ACT), D Wilson (Easts, Queensland), T Coker (Wests, Queensland; rep: J Fenwick, Sydney University, NSW), G Morgan (Souths, Queensland), S Scott-Young (Souths, Queensland), S Tuynman (Eastwood, NSW).

ENGLAND: S Hodgkinson (Nottingham); I Hunter (Northampton), D Hopley (Wasps), S Halliday (Harlequins), N Heslop (Orrell); D Pears (Harlequins), D Morris (Orrell); P Rendall (Wasps), J Olver (Northampton, captain), G Pearce (Northampton), M Skinner (Harlequins), N Redman (Bath), P Ackford (Harlequins), P Winterbottom (Harlequins), M Teague (Gloucester).

Referee: M Powell (Queensland).

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Getting down to the serious business: David Wiggins lines up a shot at the British Open croquet championships at Hurlingham yesterday

Rivalry grows on tranquil lawns

By Alix Ramsay

THE surroundings may be pleasant and the atmosphere relaxed, but out on the lawns of the Hurlingham Club, battle is in progress. Nobody gets hurt, save for a little dented pride, and the most by way of athleticism you will see is a purposeful stride around the court.

This is the ATCO British Open croquet championship. Forty-eight of Britain's leading players will be in action, each with eyes set on the weekend finals. While there are no tantrums, nobody takes defeat easily. Gone are the days when croquet was a game for elderly vicars and retired colonels — this is a highly competitive sport.

Over the past five years, the Croquet Association has made a conscious decision to encourage more people to take up the game through coaching courses and regional development programmes. The result is a broad mixture of competitors of all ages, shapes and sizes.

Chris Haslam, from Southport, has been playing for only four seasons but is ranked No. 9 in Britain and is a member of the British Under-21 and senior squads. At 6ft 10in, and with feet like angle irons, he is an imposing sight. But at 17 years of age and still growing, croquet seems an odd sport for such an all-round athlete.

"It is just like snooker," he said. "You play similar shots, build up similar breaks, and you are playing with six hoops instead of six pockets." He started, like most people, because his family played. Then he became hooked.

At his club in Southport he competes alongside other leading young players, including Mark Saurin — who was beaten yesterday by Bernard Neal, a veteran — Chris Clarke and Dan McCormick, and their rivalry has kept him addicted.

At the other end of the scale is the diminiutive Debbie Cornelius. She is one of only three women in the championship, but despite her slight build she can hold her own against any of her male opponents.

"It can be quite a vicious game," she said. "Your aim is to use your opponent's balls to get around the hoops. I think it appeals to people with a fairly logical mind, people who like chess and games where you have to think ahead. I love the strategy, it's a battle against yourself."

As defending champion and chairman of the Croquet Association, Stephen Mulliner is pleased to see the up-and-coming youngsters snapping at his heels. Not that he's about to give up his crown easily. A runner-up in four finals, Mulliner eventually took the British title, beating Robert Fulford, last year.

"The biggest single change over the years has been the attraction of young people to the game, and in the last couple of years we have seen a lot of good players in their late 20s and early 30s come from nowhere," he said. The new influx has led to improvement in the standard of play. He and Fulford are heavily tipped to reach the final. At 23, Fulford is regarded by many, including Mulliner, as the best player around. These days there are no easy games at the Open.

RESULTS: Singles: First round: A Sutcliffe bt R Hilditch, +16, +22; C Clarke bt P Fellows, +25 tp, +26 tp; I Bond bt B Sykes, +23, +21; J Dawson bt D Foulser, +10, +26 tp; R Fulford bt D McCormick, +13, +4; B Neal bt M Saurin, +16, +17; S Mulliner bt E Solomon, +25 tp, +26 tp; J Walters bt I Burridge, +2, +24; N Aspinall bt D Gunasekera, +26 tp, +14; W Lamb bt J Goddard, +2, +8; J Greenwood bt A Miller, +20, +4. Doubles: First round: D Cornelius and M French bt M Llewelyn-Williams and A Miller, -15 tp, +20, +19 tp. Second round: Mulliner and Saurin bt C Haslam and McCormick, +6, -26, +7; Burridge and D Maugham bt M Heap and Fellows, -4, +17, +26 tp; Aspinall and C Irwin bt T Browne and J Guest, +3, -8, +24; Cornelius and French bt S Liddard and A Sutcliff, +24 tp, +15. Quarter-finals: Mulliner and Saurin bt Greenwood and S Tuke, +26, +6; Burridge and Maugham bt Gunasekera and R Prichard, +14, +2; Aspinall and Irwin bt B Neal and E Solomon, +3, +25.

RUGBY UNION

Irish let much go to waste

IRELAND had the third win of their Namibian tour with a 35-4 win over South Sub Union at Keetmanshoop yesterday, but it was not the performance they were looking for.

Several try-scoring chances were squandered and the inability of the Irish to put away a weak opposition in quicker time is worrying with the second international on Saturday. The team for that match will be announced today after the squad returns to Windhoek.

It proved a satisfying afternoon at least for the Garyowen wing, Richard Wallace, who won his first cap on Saturday. He crossed for three tries to leave him top of the try-scoring list with five. But Nicky Barry and Kenny Murphy missed seven penalty attempts between them.

SHOOTING

Turvey unerring in tie-breaker

By Our Rifle Shooting Correspondent

ROBERT Turvey, of Kidderminster Rifle Club, won The Times Challenge Cup at Bisley yesterday after a tie-breaker.

Turvey, with Danny Coleman, of North London RC, and Karen Judge, of the RAF Target Rifle Club, had been the best of the 110 competitors who had found the bull's-eye each time at 300 yards. In the five-shot tie-breaker Turvey again found the bull each time, while the other two each dropped a point in the inner ring.

The RAF retained the Inter-Services Short-Range championship, with the Territorial Army 18 points behind and the United Kingdom cadets a further three behind.

Essex won the Inter-Counties senior championship with 783 points out of 800, one in front of Surrey. The junior championship went to Bedfordshire.

Police Rifle (500 & 600 yards): 1, J Hinde (Ogre), 99.10; 2, P Johnson (Leicester), 98.11; 3, A Marion (Canada), 98.12. Monday Aggregate: Tie to be decided between N Tremlett (OCRA) and A Clarke (ATRC), both 148; 3, A Aspin (Manchester), 145. Clementi Smith Aggregate: 1, J Bellringer (Old Epsomians), 149.18; 2, I Shaw (Old Epsomians), 148.23; 3, M Baillie-Hamilton (West Atholl), 148.23. Elcington Aggregate: 1, W Richards (Purples), 144; 2, Bellringer 143, 3, N Brasier (Stock Exchange), 142. Wimbledon Cup (600 yards): 1, A Clarke (ATRC), 50.7; 2, N Tremlett (OCRA), 50.8; 3, J Scheler (RM), 50.6. Times Cup (Tie-shoot): 1, R Turvey (Kidderminster), 25.2; 2, D Coleman (North London), 23.3 (V); 3, K Judge (RAFTRC), 23.3 (4). Oxford and Cambridge Pistol Cup: 1, Cambridge 1,978; 2, Oxford 1,962. Silhouettes Cup (Pistol Centre Fire): 1, J Evans (BPC), 279; 2, D Cantrille (Ewhurst), 248; 3, P Bloom (RMRA), 244. Inter-Services Short-Range championship: 1, RAF, 1,165; 2, Territorial Army, 1,147; 3, United Kingdom Cadets, 1,144. Counties Short-Range championship (Senior): 1, Essex, 783; 2, Surrey, 782; 3, Norfolk, 781. Counties Short-Range Junior: 1, Bedfordshire, 387.52; 2, Somerset, 387.38; 3, Lincolnshire, 386.48.

Wholesome reasons for certification

SPORT ON TELEVISION
THE WEEK IN REVIEW

THERE is a wonderful old Bob Newhart routine in which he takes a telephone call from Sir Walter Raleigh, "nutty Walt from the colonies", who proceeds to explain that he has discovered tobacco and therefore smoking. Raleigh explains the mechanics of smoking in the following words: "You roll up the leaf, put it in your mouth and set fire to it."

That falls short of the sort of marketing that has made British American Tobacco (BAT) what it is today, but the description came to mind while I watched the final round of the Open on Sunday. Here is a game which, above all others, demonstrates why some people love sport and others would cheerfully pass a law against it.

Much like nutty Walt, the man who first described golf would have had a hell of a time being taken seriously. But let's try.

You make a hole in the ground 4¼ inches in diameter. You walk backwards up hill and down dale, digging ever larger holes along the way into which you pour sand. At some point you put in a stream. You turn a couple of corners. You mow some of the grass smooth as a shaven cheek, but either side of this strip you leave the terrain looking like a page out of *The Jungle Book*.

After about 400 yards you stop and turn around. You gaze back at the point where you made the first hole. You can't see it. For one thing, the trees are in the way, and, for another, few people have that sort of eyesight. You smile and say: perfect. You stick a little plastic spike into the ground and balance a ridiculously small ball on it. You then pick up a stick with a flattened-out end and hit the ball towards the hole.

You do it 17 more times and then you go home.

I have never ventured further than a putting green but golf is second only to cricket among my favourite television sports, perhaps because of the admiration I feel for people who can make frustration on this scale an everyday part of their lives.

The routine frustrations of the game itself, demonstrated on Sunday when poor Mike Harwood's putting brushed more lips than a Madonna video, make for the sort of measured commentary that histrionic football commentators should be force-fed in the close season.

There is, however, one voice I could do without. It comes to us courtesy of a microphone placed on the turf behind each tee, designed to transmit the thwaaack! of club face connecting with ball. A pleasing sound. Less pleasing is the sound we hear a millisecond after the thwaack! This consists of a male voice shouting "shot!", or "yeah, Seve!".

This person cannot possibly know what is going to happen to the ball in so short a time, so he must be in the same category as the people who wave at us over Richie Benaud's shoulder during the Test highlights. "Did you see me on the telly mother?".

We cannot see the offender at golf but perhaps it is the same person. Golf followers are said to be terribly well behaved, so there may only be one of these yellers, a one-man campaigner against the Noise Abatement Society who travels to sporting events simply in order to get up my nose.

This fool was especially inaccurate during the aforesaid Seve's final round, during which "shot, Seve!" was, at least in the early stages, followed a few seconds later by the ball landing in a nearby forest. This was a shame since most us wanted Seve to mount the sort of charge that might seriously test Ian Baker-Finch. The fact that such a charge was not forthcoming contributed to a less exciting final round than it might have been.

But so riveting was Baker-Finch's wonderful golf that I set light to fewer tobacco leaves than is usually the case. Praise indeed.

GOLF

Groves earns share of lead on his birthday

By a Special Correspondent

RICHARD Groves, of Kent, celebrated his seventeenth birthday yesterday by handing in a three-under-par 68 to set the early pace in the first round of the English Boys Open strokeplay championship for the Carris Trophy at Long Ashton, Bristol.

The Lamberhurst club member enjoyed the best round of his short golfing career, reaching the turn in level par before producing a run of birdies at the 15th, 17th and 18th holes.

Sharing the same score was Sand Moor's Ian Pyman, who was also level after nine and also made late progress with birdies at the 15th, 16th and 18th holes.

Gary Harris, a member of the England boys' team last year at the tender age of 14, was close behind the two leaders, the Broom Manor player compiling a score of 69.

Amongst a group of players on 70 was another England international, Darren Bradley, from the St Mellion club, who finished runner-up in the South West senior championships at Ferndown last month.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES: 68: R Groves (Lamberhurst), I Pyman (Sand Moor). 69: G Harris (Broom Manor). 70: M Rawson (Chevin), B Davis (East Herts), D Bradley (St Mellion), S Clayton (Telford). 72: S Crick (Mendip), A Campbell (Newport), S Webster (Atherstone), T Layton (Long Ashton), W Bell (Darlington).

EQUESTRIANISM

Quality at Gatcombe

ALTHOUGH injury to Virginia Leng will prevent her from competing at the British Open Horse Trials at Gatcombe Park fromAugust 9 to 11, Mark Phillips said yesterday that this year's 235-horse entry is the strongest in the nine-year history of the championships (Jenny MacArthur writes). Ironically, it is the first year the event has had to run without an overall sponsor.

Riders from 13 countries are competing as well as most of Britain's leading internationals. The event is being used by the British selectors as a compulsory final trial for the European championships in Ireland in September.

The quality of the entry is appropriate in view of the changes to the 29-fence course which Phillips revealed yesterday. Eleven fences are new. Some, such as fence seven, "the Step Up and Hope" and fence 22, "the Step Down and Pray", have been named with disconcerting accuracy.

Fence 22 is the most spectacular on the course, involving a step-down, which must be done at the trot if riders are to succeed in balancing their horse sufficiently to jump the solid set of rails on the steepest part of the hill immediately afterwards.

"I am trying to be slightly kinder to the horses this year but give the riders more of a chance to make a mistake," Phillips said.

Leading British riders competing for the £2,500 first prize include Ian Stark, Mary Thomson, Lorna Clarke, Rodney Powell and Poly Lyon. Mark Todd, the dual Olympic champion from New Zealand, heads the foreign entry.

WORLD STUDENT GAMES

Crutchley proves decisive

By Mark Herbert

THE gamble on choosing hockey as the optional sport in the Games paid Britain rich dividends yesterday when the men's team, after a heart-stopping match, beat Spain 3-2 to reach today's final.

The game between the highest-scoring sides in the group rounds was always going to be open. Spain twice took the lead, tore great holes in Britain's flanks and forced the home team's defenders to take the sort of risks that cause nightmares.

The game hinged on two critical incidents in the second half, after Nachos Cobos and Pablo Usoz had scored for Spain, and Neil Barker for Britain. The first was the introduction of Robert Crutchley, replacing Paul Krishnan; the second was the temporary suspension of Miguel Ortego, the Spanish sweeper, for a foul on Jasbinda Chana.

Crutchley gave Britain far more purpose on the right. He won the short corner from which Rob Hill equalised, midway through the half, then, with ten minutes to go, gained another from a weaving attack down the flank when the Spanish were reduced to ten players. Hill's attempt was saved, but Crutchley swept in the rebound.

Spain's reply was characteristic, Pedro Jufresa cutting wide to the right and teeing up Xavi Arnau with a pinpoint cross. But Arnau pulled his shot wide. Crutchley almost added his second and David Hacker, also on the right, created a chance, helping England to hold on in the last minutes.

The result was a suitable reward for Niall Sturrock, the Great Britain coach, who had spent the previous night watching videos of his opponents, taking particular note of their short-corner drill. "We made defensive mistakes," he said. "Moves play a big part in any semi-final. I hope it won't be such an ordeal for the players in the final."

The British women rediscovered their touch in front of goal, beating the Irish 3-0 in the pool play-offs for the lower positions. Julia Robertson, Susan MacDonald and Clare Slater scored. China reached the final with a 2-1 win over Korea.

Curtis Robb, who began Monday as an untried and lesser known member of the British athletics team, was yesterday coming to terms with the rewards for success and failure. In the men's 1,500 metres final, the Sheffield University student, in front of 6,000 baying supporters, hit the front in the last few metres only to be beaten by a nose by Guiseppe D'Urso. Robb shared silver with Dean Kenneally, of Australia.

The Italian somehow managed to squeeze between the flagging runners-up; had they been more seasoned, he would have lost either the race or some teeth. Robb reflected on the inexperience which cost him the gold: "Had the gap not been there, he wouldn't have gone for it. It won't happen again."

None the less, the finish was a brave and beautiful moment at the end of the day. Robb, who is considering postponing his medical studies for two years to concentrate on athletics, only dabbled with preparations for the Games, managing an hour a day, six days a week.George Gandy, the Great Britain coach, feels he has the talent to go much further, given a regular training regime.

RESULTS FROM SHEFFIELD

ATHLETICS: Men: Finals: 400m: 1, P O'Connor (Jam), 45.52; 2, B Lahlou (Mor), 45.55; 3, M Cannon (US), 45.78. British: 6, C Henry (GB), 46.51. 800m: 1, G D'Urso (It), 1:46.82; equal 2, C Robb (GB) and D Kenneally (Aus), 1:46.88. Other British: 6, A Lill, 1:47.73. Women: 400m: 1, M Malone (US), 50.65; 2, G Tromp (Neth), 52.06, 3 G Moskvina (USSR), 52.34. 800m: 1, I Evseeva (USSR), 1min 59.80sec; 2, G Lesch (Ger), 2:00.97; 3, J Jones (US), 2:02.00. British: 5, M Kitson, 2:04.36. 10,000m: 1, A Letko (US), 32min 36.87sec; 2, S Ciric (Yug), 32:37.94, 3, O Nazarkina (USSR), 32:40.83. British: 10, V Vaughan, 33:47.85; 11, C Lavers (GB), 34:01.48. Javelin: 1, T Shikolenko (USSR), 63.56m; 2, I Lopez (Cuba), 62.32; 3, P Berry, (US) 58.28. British: 12, C White (GB), 44.86.

BASKETBALL: Men: Semi-finals: Canada 74, Soviet Union 70; United States 99, Israel 69. Places 5-8: Turkey 95, Spain 80; Czechoslovakia 98, Mexico 83. Places 9-17: South Korea 84, Finland 80; Japan 83, Nigeria 89; Hong Kong 116, Sweden 57; Finland 68, Hungary 91; Women: Places 5-8: Czechoslovakia 87, Romania 62; Hungary 80, Soviet Union 83. Places 9-12: Sweden 85, Japan 66; Germany 81, Taiwan 70. Places 13-16: Great Britain 110, Guam Island 18. Places 15-16: Ireland 86, Guam 29.

DIVING: Men's 3m springboard final: 1, Li Deliang (China), 658.70pts; 2, D Panaro (US), 637.17; 3, Chen Shaoliang (China), 607.35. Women's 10m platform final: 1, Kim Chun-Ok (N Kor), 452.16 pts; 2, Yang Yan (China), 424.71; 3, Ryu Un-Sil (N Kor), 405.64.

FENCING: Men's team épée: Quarter-finals: Italy bt Hungary, 9-3; Germany bt Poland 9-3; Soviet Union bt Cuba, 8-8 (+3 hits); France bt Sweden, 8-5. Semi-finals: Germany bt Italy, 8-6; Soviet Union bt France, 8-8 (+1 hit). Final: Germany bt Soviet Union, 8-6. Bronze medal: France bt Italy, 8-7.

HOCKEY: Men: Group A: South Korea 2 Canada 2. Semi-final: Great Britain 3, Spain 2. Places 5-12: France 2, Ireland 2 (aet; France win 4-2 on penalties); Italy 3, Japan 2; Australia 2, Canada 0. Women: Semi-final: China 2, South Korea 1. Places 5-12: Canada 1, Germany 0; Great Britain 3, Ireland 0.

VOLLEYBALL: Men: Semi-finals: Poland 3, Algeria 0; United States 3, Soviet Union 2. Second stage: Places 5-8: China 3, Germany 1. Places 7-8: Japan bt Canada 3-1. Places 5-6: China 3, Japan 0; Germany 3, Canada 0. Places 9-10: Italy 3, Turkey 0. Places 11-12: South Korea 3, France 0. Places 13-14: Czechoslovakia 3, Belgium 1. Places 15-16: Indonesia 3, Great Britain 0. Women: Bronze medal: United States 3, Japan 1. Places 5-6: France 3, Turkey 2. Places 7-8: Switzerland 3, Soviet Union 0. Places 5-6: France 3, Soviet Union 2; Turkey 3, Switzerland 1. Places 9-10: Czechoslovakia 3, Spain 1. Places 11-12: Canada 3, Israel 0.

WATER POLO: Bronze medal: Italy 6, Australia 4. Places 5-8: Germany 12, Turkey 11; Romania 7, Czechoslovakia 7.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

THOMAS COOK TOUR OF TAMESIDE: Second stage (6-mile hill race at Stalybridge): 1, T O'Kell (Stockport), 33.12; 2, E Hallybyck (Bel), 33.47; 3, D Gibbons (Salford) 33.52. Overall leader: 1, O'Kell, 1hr 30min 03sec. Women: 1, K Drake (Spenborough), 41.56. Overall: Drake, 1:54.07.

TURKU, Finland: World veteran championships (selected): Men: Over-40 800m: 1, P Browne (GB, Thames Valley Harriers), 1min 55.94sec; 2, J Molloy (GB).

AUSTRALIAN RULES

BRITISH LEAGUE: London Hawks 10.10 (70), Lea Valley Saints 9.7 (61); WL Walkabout 28.28 (184), Hartley Bristol Bears 6.9 (45); North London Lions 25.30 (180), Thames Valley Magpies 0.0; Earls Court Roos 24.21 (165), Sussex Swans 3.5 (23); Wandsworth Demons 21.17 (143), East Midland Eagles 6.4 (40). Premiership table: Leading positions: 1, Wandsworth, played 14, 52pts; 2, Earls Court, 14, 28; 3, North London, 14, 48.

CRICKET

BEACHCROFT STANLEYS CRICKETER CUP: Semi-finals: Charterhouse Friars 232-5 (G Macmillan 108). Eton Ramblers 154 (A Wreford 4-38); Oundle Rovers 165-7 (D Robinson 63 not out). Old Tonbridgians 167-4 (R Owen-Brown 52 not out).

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Regional finals: Undercliffe 188-7, Liverpool 132; Washington 218-9, Walsall 219-8; Chelmsford 138-8, Cheshunt 141-4; Sheffield Collegiate 170-6, Westhoughton 121; Enfield 224-3, Basingstoke and North Hants 223-7; Barnt Green 221-5 (S Heath 108 not out), Truro 127-8; West of Scotland 159-6, Gateshead Fell 160-4.

NATIONAL VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIP: Seventh round: Clastor Moor 181, Sheriff Hutton Bridge 183-4.

NCA OVER-50s COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Northamptonshire 194-8, Suffolk 183-9; Bedfordshire 147, Leicestershire 115; Cheshire 158-7, Nottinghamshire 160-5; Gloucestershire 120-8, Worcestershire 121-2; Warwickshire 210-6, Staffordshire 125; Dorset 121, Cornwall 123-6, Wiltshire 176-8, Somerset 178-8.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Surrey Schools Under-15 164-6 dec (Meaney 60 not out), Berkshire Schools Under-15 111-6 (Steel 60 not out). Match drawn. Surrey Schools Under-19 132, Surrey Young Cricketers 133 for 3. Young Cricketers won by 7 wkts.

FOOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCH: Smogens IF (Swe) 1, Crystal Palace 8.

OTHER MATCH: Southend Manor 0, Southend United 5.

GOLF

WELSH BOYS INTER-AREA MATCH (Tenby): South Wales 8 North Wales 3. (South names first): Singles: B Dredge bt M Ellis, 3 and 2; J Grundy bt D Ingman, 5 and 4; C Sheppard lost to J J Walsh, 3 and 2; R Price bt J J McLoughlin, 1 hole; L Cox bt L Harpin, 5 and 4; A Cooper bt L Evans, 4 and 2; Y Taylor bt M Spacone, 2 and 1; 3 Hodges bt O Rees, 5 and 3; S Race lost to S Hurstfield, 1 hole; S Closse bt L Baynes, 8 and 7; N Oakley lost to J Johnson, 4 and 3.

WELSH GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP (Clyne): Qualifiers: 78: S Boyes (Wenvoe Castle). 79: R Morgan (Monmouth). 81: B Jones (Denbigh). 84: N Brain (Monmouth). 85: S Musto (Monmouthshire). 86: S Tudor Jones (Bull Bay). 86: S Russell (Tredegar Park). 87: C Hopkins (Collingtree Park). 90: D Hill (Rolls of Monmouth). 90: A Owen (Dolgellau). 92: R Evans (Newport). C Lewis (Bryn Meadows). 93: P Arbourne (Neath), S Thomas (Neath), E Davies (Fairwood Park). 95: C Tipper (Pyle and Kenfig).

RUGBY UNION

GOSFORD, New South Wales: Tour match: Emerging Australians 3, England 36.

SNOOKER

BOLTON: Embassy World Championship qualifiers: J Weston bt I Gerrard, 6-0; K Burrows bt A Ahmed, 6-0; P Ebdon bt D McGlinchey, 6-1; K Young bt J Cahill, 6-4; D Guest bt D Athorn, 6-2; P Clutterbuck bt P Maskell, 6-4; R Connor bt C Achilles, 6-2; J Swail bt R Chapman, 6-0; A Davies bt J Benton, 6-0; M Gold bt G Bradley, 6-0; K Broughton bt J Manley, 6-3; A Hamilton bt P Tanner, 6-1; C Moore bt D McLellan, 6-3.

SPEEDWAY

SUNBRITE LEAGUE: First division: Wolves 53, Bradford 37; Reading 42, Kings Lynn 46. Second division: Newcastle 49, Rye House 34 (abandoned after 14 heats because of rain, but result stands).

EXETER: Westernapolis Meeting: 1, R Green (Exeter), 13; 2, E Monaghan (Stoke), 10; 3, B Peterson (Arena, Essex), 10.

TENNIS

MONTREAL: Canadian men's open: First round: C Pridham (Can) bt C Caratti (It), 6-3, 3-6, 7-5; J Tarango (US) bt A Szneider (Can), 6-4, 6-3; S Lareau (Can) bt I Aler (US), 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; S Matsuoka (Japan) bt A Boetsch (Fr), 6-7, 7-6, 6-3; N Borwick (Aus) bt J Kriek (US), 6-3, 6-4; G Bloom (Isr) bt B Pearce (US), 6-4, 6-1; J Grabb (US) bt J Morgan (Aus), 4-6, 6-4, 7-5, S Pescosolido (It) bt H Holm (Swe), 7-5, 6-4; P Lundgren (Swe) bt C Dosedel (Cz), 6-4, 3-6, 7-6; R Reneberg (US) bt T Mayotte (US), 6-3, 6-1; S Youl (Aus) bt L Herrera (Mex), 6-3, 6-7, 7-6; C Garner (US) bt P Baur (Ger), 4-6, 6-4, 7-6; M Laurendeau (Can) bt J Brown (US), 6-2, 7-5.

HILVERSUM: Dutch open: First round: T Muster (Austria) bt A Cherkasov (USSR), 6-3, 6-3; G Prpic (Yug) bt K Braasch (Ger), 6-3, 7-6; T Champion (Fr) bt G Perez-Roldan (Arg), 6-4, 3-6, 7-6; R Furlan (It) bt M Filippini (Uru), 3-6, 6-2, 6-1; J Arrese (Sp) bt O Delaitre (Fr), 6-0, 6-2; L Jonsson (Swe) bt H de la Peña (Arg), 3-6, 6-4, 6-0; M Koevermans (Neth) bt P Haarhuis (Neth), 7-6, 6-2; F Davin (Arg) bt J Siemerink (Neth), 6-4, 6-3.

PURCHASE, New York: Westchester Cup: First round (US unless stated): D Graham bt A Hendrickson, 7-6, 6-3; S Loosemore (GB) bt P Vasque (Peru), 7-5, 4-6, 7-6; D Faber bt C Morna, 6-7, 6-1, 6-2; S Amiach (Fr) bt S Martin, 6-4, 6-1; M Kochta (Ger) bt T Ignatieva (USSR), 3-6, 6-2, 6-1; E de Lone bt K Adams, 6-3, 6-4; A Farley bt J Taylor (Aus), 6-1, 6-1; L Spadea bt L Allen, 6-3, 6-2.

ATP: Rankings: 1, B Becker (Ger), 3,658pts; 2, S Edberg (Swe), 3,575; 3, M Stich (Ger), 2,479; 4, I Lendl (Cz), 2,283; 5, J Courier (US), 2,181; 6, A Agassi (US), 2,115; 7, G Forget (Fr), 1,720; 8, S Bruguera (Sp), 1,601; 9, P Sampras (US), 1,598; 10, E Sánchez (Sp), 1,392.

YACHTING

COWES: J24 European championship: First race: 1, 4115 Chieftan, D Ellis (GB); 2, KA165 Convicts on Tour, I Bashford (Aus); 3, 4230 Didgeridoo, T Spalding (GB). Second race: 1, 4226 Tablets, C Probert (GB); 2, G15 Espresso, J Cahler (Ger); 3, 4000 Not Just Now, M Sparks (GB). Third race: 1, S112 Yellow M, B Forsberg (Swe); 2, K4177 Jetlatric, S Johnstone (US); 3, K4175 Enuff Said, A Roberts (GB).

HAYLING ISLAND: Laser 2 world championships: Second race: 1, A Rowlands and M Stechmann (NZ); 2, J McIntyre and W Cromwell (US); 3, P Poyner and J Poyner (GB).

SEAVIEW, Isle of Wight: National squib championship: Third race: 1, R Coyle and Y Maher; 2, O Delaney and M Duffield; 3, J Tubby and D Gale.

IN BRIEF

Channel record

SUZY Moroney, of Australia, yesterday broke the women's record for the fastest two-way Channel swim. Her time of 17hr 14min was 61 minutes faster than the record set by Irene Van de Laan, of the Netherlands.

Kevin Murphy's single crossing from England to France in 13hr 58min was the twentieth time he has achieved the feat.

SKIING: The Yugoslav republic of Croatia has set up its own Alpine skiing organisation and wants to compete separately from the Yugoslav team.

TENNIS: Sarah Loosemore beat Pilar Vasque, of Peru, 7-5, 4-6, 7-6, after a 16-point tie-breaker in the first round of the Westchester Cup in Purchase, New York.

BOXING: The former world flyweight champion, Peter Kane, died yesterday in hospital at Leigh, aged 73.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Martin Hodgson, the former Swinton and Great Britain forward, has died aged 82.

ATHLETICS: Pete Browne, the former 800 metres international, retained his world veteran championship over-40s title at Turku, Finland, in 1min 55.94sec.

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Waldron returns to dismiss calls for resignation

Unhappy homecoming: Thorburn at Heathrow

By Owen Jenkins

RON Waldron, the manager of Wales, returned home yesterday from his rugby union team's dismal tour of Australia and declared he had no intention of resigning. Never has a Welsh national team suffered defeats such as those inflicted last week by New South Wales (71-8) and then Australia (63-6).

If those results were not bad enough, the tour was further disgraced by incidents after the end-of-tour dinner in Brisbane on Sunday, when an exchange of views among Welsh players ended in Mike Hall having to have two stitches put in a cut to his hand.

But if Waldron, the former Neath coach who was appointed last year, is to go, he will have to be pushed. He will not jump, as he made clear in Cardiff yesterday. "It is for the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) to decide," he said. "The union is under pressure. I'm under pressure, so are the players. We have to react to it and how we handle it is all important.

"I said at the beginning that it would take three years and I intend to carry on. We always have to be optimistic. Look at what has happened elsewhere, with Ireland losing to Namibia and Scotland to Canada. If I resigned it would show a great weakness of character."

Clive Rowlands, the tour manager, experienced rather different fortunes than when he visited Australia two years ago in the same role with the victorious British Isles team. "The Australians were quite outstanding," he said, "take nothing away from a complete performance by them. I have nothing but the highest regard for them and their development."

The rhetoric from the team management was perhaps understandable in the circumstances. Rowlands will produce his tour report during the next fortnight. The team and officials had flown in to Heathrow airport early yesterday, where a large contingent from the media had gathered to welcome them.

Few players were ready to talk about the tour or its implications. Kevin Phillips, the hooker, said: "Australian rugby is very tough and we learned a lot. We will be back. We trained hard, played hard and we enjoyed ourselves."

At the WRU offices in Cardiff, the welcome was more subdued as the players met their wives, girlfriends and families. Weariness after the long journey perhaps masked any post-tour impressions they might have had, with the players intent on reaching home as quickly as possible.

A squad session in Cardiff will still go ahead this Sunday with players from outside the tour party being invited. Waldron said: "We must carry on with the fight. The Australians play a different game. They worked at basic techniques and were very effective at them."

Whether this attitude will be enough to appease Waldron's critics remains to be seen. It is unlikely to satisfy the likes of J. J. Williams, the former Wales and British Isles wing. He advocates that the position of Welsh coach should be a paid one.

"Ron Waldron should resign along with the selectors," Williams said. "The Welsh Rugby Union should turn to foemer stars of the Seventies to help them through this crisis. You must have someone who can command the respect of the players and the public.

"It is only through creating a paid position that you will attract high profile people like Gerald Davies and Phil Bennett. Ron has put his head on the block and it deserves to be chopped off. I don't think the players are as bad as they are performing and we are not 63 points worse than Australia."

Allan Martin, the former Wales and British Isles second row forward, believes that Wales should persevere with Waldron until after the World Cup. "If he does go, where are we?" he said. "I said before the tour that it was suicidal. We had been building quite nicely beforehand. Ron has been given a job to do so let him do it. The players must bear the brunt of it because they were the ones on the park. But you have to look at the way they were prepared. It is a decision for the Welsh Rugby Union but the whole system must be looked at."

Worcestershire's future plans suffer a setback

Gifford rejects opportunity to leave Sussex

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

WORCESTERSHIRE'S plans to rebuild their ageing team from the top downwards have met a severe rebuff. Norman Gifford, the man they wanted to supervise the operation as coach, has turned down the job.

Gifford, aged 51, was the natural choice to take over from Basil D'Oliveira when he retires at the end of this season. But after having talks with Worcestershire officials, he has told them he intends to stay with Sussex, where he is in his second year as coach.

The rejection leaves Worcestershire with a more difficult decision and increases the chances of Paul Pridgeon, who retired as a player with the county only two years ago and has since been coaching at a public school.

Pridgeon, a model professional, would enjoy the respect of the players. Yet he might, perhaps, lack the command which Gifford would have exerted within a dressing-room now plainly suffering from the temperamental problems of a team which has had enormous success but is now growing old as a unit.

Gifford said yesterday: "I am definitely staying with Sussex. It would be wrong to say I was not attracted by the Worcestershire vacancy because my wife still has family in the area and I still have a lot of friends. They are a big, successful club and, after 20 years there as a player, I would have known what I was to expect.

"By contrast, Sussex have not won anything recently and may still be some way off doing so. But we have a young, exciting team which can only improve and I do not want to leave them with my job unfinished."

Whoever lands the Worcestershire job, and the club still hopes to make an appointment before the end of the season, will start without Ian Botham, whose move to Durham is shortly to be announced. Whether he leaves the club on terms as good as he would hope may be open to some doubt, however, after his curious absence from the side which began the championship match with Kent yesterday.

The official line that Botham had been omitted as part of the club's rotational policy raised a few eyebrows, Duncan Fearnley, the chairman, came up with an altogether more plausible explanation. "Ian has a little niggle in his back," he said. "But I am sure he could have played if he had wanted to. He is naturally a bit down about missing out on the Test team."

Fearnley's candid remarks could not have been a plainer signpost to an imminent parting of the ways and he confirmed that Worcestershire will not stand in the way of Botham going to Durham.

Botham's reaction to the England selectors' preference for Chris Lewis is equally interesting and, as he cannot expect to fight his way back by not playing, it may now be that he has finally acknowledged his Test career is over.

If he feels some resentment towards the tolerant treatment accorded to Lewis, a man with a decidedly poor fitness record, there may be a twist to the tale. Lewis is known to be keen to move from Leicestershire when his contract expires at the end of the season and Botham's departure will make Worcestershire, along with Surrey, favourites to sign him.

☐ Rain restricted Worcestershire to 55 for one wicket in their county championship match with Kent at New Road yesterday.

Haynes and Bent, two of Worcestershire's promising young players, replaced Botham and Radford but only 14 overs were bowled before the weather intervened.

Bent was out to the second ball he received but Curtis and Moody formed an unbroken partnership of 50.

Throat infection lays Gooch low

By Alan Lee

GRAHAM Gooch had quite enough worries to cloud his 38th birthday yesterday without losing his powers of speech. But a sore throat that has plagued him for some weeks showed no sense of occasion and the England captain took to his bed to rest, with the crucial fourth Test match less than 48 hours distant.

Gooch drove to Birmingham to join the England party but was soon sent back to the hotel. Micky Stewart, the team manager, said: "Graham saw a doctor this morning and has been advised to take it easy. Because tonsilitis is infectious it's obviously common sense to keep him away from the other players. We don't want it to spread."

It will, of course, take more than a spot of throat trouble and a croaky voice to prevent Gooch leading England out at Egbaston tomorrow, and that is just as well.

For, with Robin Smith still considered very doubtful, the withdrawal of the only other batsman to pass 50 for England in this series might hand the game, and the series, to West Indies on a plate.

Smith remains determined to play but will have a net this afternoon to gauge the condition of his battered and swollen right index finger. An x-ray last week indicated there is no break but tissue damage to a finger can be just as prohibitive and it would make no sense for Smith to play in pain.

The one piece of encouraging news for England yesterday was that Michael Atherton continues to show no reaction from his chronic abdominal strain and he is likely to play. Hugh Morris is therefore awaiting Smith's fitness test before knowing if he is to make a belated Test debut after so many disappointments.

REBECCA NADEN

Forehand fire: Clare Wood, of Britain, on her way to a win against New Zealand in the Federation Cup yesterday

Britain defeat New Zealand

By Andrew Longmore
Tennis correspondent

NOT for the first or, I suspect, the last time in this sodden summmer, rain did its best to ruin everything. The jugglers bravely continued plying their trade in the rain, and Cliff Richard kept up his relentless search for a star, but the opening-round matches hiccoughed along like one of the old jalopies in the exhibition area at the Federation Cup in Nottingham.

Britain, however, made short work of New Zealand, taking a winning 2-0 lead through Clare Wood and Monique Javer. Neither dropped a set and neither looked like doing so, though the tennis was never quite out of the top drawer.

About an hour and a half's play was possible in the early afternoon before the clouds, which had been building up threateningly for an hour, finally burst, causing a two-hour break which tested the patience of even the most faithful of the Nottingham public. Back on for another half an hour and then off again for just as long. No wonder Due Mappin, the tournament director, began to inherit the haunted look last seen on the face of the Wimbledon referee, Alan Mills, during the wettest Championships on record.

Mappin does not have to panic yet because, at the last resort, teams can play in the morning and afternoon, but there is not much overall slack in the timetable and the forecast for today is not encouraging. Fingers will be crossed tightly over the next few days, but a price might yet be paid by the teams who requested a Tuesday start and by the organisers for not making better use of the fine opening day.

Britain, who had supposedly wanted to play on Tuesday, timed their efforts with the all the finesse of old hands. Barely had Wood, the British number two, playing instead of the unfit Jo Durie, finished off Claudine Toleafoa, to give Britain a much needed early buttress against New Zealand than the first bout of rain came. Javer, as No. 1, had just taken the first set off Belinda Cordwell before the second break. On the neighbouring court - the smallest of the three show courts the British were denied - the Dutch girl, Nicole Jagerman, was not so astute.

She had missed a chance to take the first set, squandering a set point when serving for a surprise lead at 5-4, against Zina Garrison, but had broken immediately in the second and had the impetus, leading 4-2, when the break came. In the interval, Garrison recovered her poise, took the next four games and the match 7-5 6-4, averting immdeiate danger for the defending champions, who are not the best prepared team in the draw.

After all the brouhaha about the scheduling the previous day, the crowd on court three was pavilioned in colonial style splendour on the back of two trailer stands (capacity 132 each). Approximately another 100 lined the courts and the three park benches were filled long before the players arrived. At times, as Wood and Toleafoa served a series of double-faults at each other, the match was just about worthy of the park and not the benches.

There were 21 double-faults in 17 games, Wood winning that count by 12 to nine, including a run of three in succession in the sixth game of the second set.

EARLY FIRST-ROUND SCORES

Britain lead New Zealand, 2-0 (British names first): C Wood bt C Toleafoa, 6-3, 6-2: M Javer bt B Cordwell, 6-3, 6-1. Spain lead Belgium, 1-0 (Spanish names first): C Martinez bt D Monami, 6-3, 6-1. Czechoslovakia lead Sweden, 1-0 (Czechoslovak names first): R Zrubakova bt M Strandlund, 6-0, 6-3. Austria lead Portugal, 1-0 (Austrian names first): J Wiesner bt T Couto, 6-2, 6-2. Germany lead Greece, 1-0 (German names first): A Huber bt C Papadaki, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3. Israel lead Italy, 1-0 (Italian names first): L Ferrando lost to I Berger, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3. United States lead Netherlands, 1-0 (US names first): Z Garrison bt N Jagerman, 7-5, 6-4.

Faldo is selected for cup defence

BERNARD Gallacher, Europe's Ryder Cup captain, yesterday named Nick Faldo as the first golfer in his side for the defence of the trophy in Kiawah Island in September.

The team was due to be announced on August 25 after the German Open, but Faldo, who is in tenth place in the cup points table, is not playing another European tournament before then and cannot gain one of the nine automatic places. Gallacher therefore decided that he should offer the former Open and US Masters champion one of his three "wild card" selections in advance.

"He accepted with all the enthusiasm I could wish from a player with such talent and experience," Gallacher said. "When I learned that Nick's schedule for the next month meant he would not contest any more counting tournaments in Europe, I immediately offered him a wild card place.

"His enthusiasm is great to hear. I have a duty to the PGA European Tour membership to take the strongest possible team and it would have been a dereliction of duty for me not to ensure Nick's involvement. Any delay in inviting him would have encouraged speculation, and there is no need for that."

Faldo's seventeenth place in the Open Championship on Sunday pushed his European earnings this season to just under £120,000. He had to be in the top four at Birkdale to have a chance of winning an automatic spot on Gallacher's team. But there has not been the slightest doubt in anyone's mind that Faldo would be chosen, even if he failed to make the side as of right.

Faldo, aged 34, has been a cornerstone of the last seven European Ryder Cup teams, winning 16 of his 27 matches and halving two. He was the unquestioned world No. 1 last year, when he won his second US Masters and second Open titles and finished third in the US Open. His only success this season, though, was in the Irish Open last month, and at Birkdale he again struggled to find his touch on the greens.

Gallacher had hoped that Faldo, Ian Woosnam, Seve Ballesteros, Bernhard Langer and José-María Olazábal would be among the leading nine at the conclusion of the German Open, leaving him a free choice for the wild cards.

Leeds win deal with Admiral

LEEDS United yesterday agreed a multi-million pound sponsorship deal with the international sportswear company, Admiral.

The agreement is thought to be the biggest sponsorship negotiated by a British club, with Leeds guaranteed £7 million over five years. Under the terms of the deal, which will run from the start of the 1992-3 season, Leeds will receive £1.4 million a year for five years, but bonuses could increase the figure to £10 million.

☐ Aston Villa made a pre-tax profit of £1.53 million on their return to European football last season. Two ties in the UEFA Cup brought in £950,000.

☐ The former England midfield player, Steve Williams, yesterday joined Southampton for pre-season training.

☐ Peter Eustace is to sign a new two-year contract and become Leyton Orient's team manager.

FA warned of risk to authority

THE Football Association's impartiality as football's regulatory body could be put at serious risk if it "descends into the arena" to create and run a Premier League, the Football League said yesterday.

David Oliver QC, for the Football League, told the High Court that even if by a "superhuman effort" the FA managed to remain impartial, it would still lose the respect of those it had to regulate. "No referee should become a player," he said.

The Football League is asking Mr Justice Rose to quash as unlawful the FA's decision to set up the breakaway league in time for the 1992-3 season and recruit first-division clubs.

Mr Oliver said on the second day of the hearing: "Independence cannot be achieved by a regulatory authority of any kind if it itself is operating as a competitor in the field in which it is regulating."

For the FA, John Dyson QC disputed the claim that a Premier League would bring the FA into conflict with those it sought to regulate. "There is clearly nothing to prevent the FA doing what it wants to do," he said.

The premier-league clubs will decide in a meeting at Lancaster Gate today whether they have anything to offer the second division to persuade its clubs to support their breakaway.

Rick Parry, chairman of the breakaway clubs, will present a report on his meeting yesterday with second-division representatives.

Gordon Taylor, chairman of the Professional Footballers Association, was at pains, meanwhile, to play down suggestions that a players' strike was under consideration. But he insisted: "We are not in the business of seeing three-quarters of our membership, and their employers, being put under threat for the benefit of a quarter of the clubs."

Time will be found for Cram

STEVE Cram has been told he could yet be given extra time to prepare for the 1,500 metres at the world athletics championships in Tokyo next month. British administrators yesterday corrected a statement by a colleague on Monday that the injury-hit world mile record holder would have only one chance of making the team — in this weekend's trial in Birmingham.

Mike Farrell, General Secretary of the British Board, had insisted that no gap would be left in the 1,500 metres line-up. Cram, who had his first track race for more than nine months last Saturday, has asked for more time if he runs poorly in the trial.

Tony Ward, board spokesman, said yesterday: "There has been a misunderstanding. The selectors will always look at athletes who are medal potential and will take notice of what Cram has to say. You can't predict what is going to happen in a trial."

Leng misses European defence

By Jenny MacArthur

VIRGINIA Leng is virtually certain to miss the defence of Britain's three-day event team title at Punchestown, Ireland, in September.

The reigning European champion, who would have been attempting a fourth successive individual title, broke her ankle in a fall from Welton Chit Chat at Shamley Green horse trials on Saturday. A second blow for Britain came yesterday when it was revealed that Rodney Powell, a key contender for the team after winning Badminton in May, had sold his top horse, The Irishman, to Bruce Davidson, of the United States.

Leng's accident happened when she was catapulted out of the saddle after the nine-year-old gelding — on which she won Bramham in June — hit the second element of the penultimate "bounce" fence. Her mother, Heather Holgate, said yesterday: "The doctor has said she mustn't ride for six to eight weeks."

Ironically, Leng's injury comes just as her top horse, the 11-year-old Master Craftsman, has come back into work after the leg injury which kept him out of Badminton this year.

Although only a week after Punchestown, Leng hopes to be fit for Burghleigh where she intends to ride "Crafty" and qualify him for next year's Olympic Games. Chit Chat will be aimed at the Boeklo three-day event in The Netherlands in October.

Rodney Powell's disclosure that he has sold his beloved horse for an undisclosed sum — reputed to be six figures — has deprived the British team of one of its finest partnerships.

The 12-year-old gelding by Good Apple, who flew to Davidson's Pennsylvania home yesterday, is one of the most consistent cross-country horses in the sport. He has been placed at Badminton each year since 1987, became national champion in 1989 and won the European team gold medal later that year. At the world championships last year he won a team silver medal and was sixth individually. In May he fulfilled a lifelong dream for Powell when he won Badminton.

Leng: broken ankle

"It was the hardest decision I've ever had to make," Powell said yesterday at his home near Bristol. "He couldn't have done more for me but I've been looking for a sponsor now for six months and it was the kind of offer I couldn't refuse."

Powell's decision was based partly on the strength of his string of 12 event horses, which includes Timber Hill who is also long-listed for the European championships. The selectors have taken a more enlightened view of The Irishman's sale than their counterparts did five years ago when Anne-Marie Taylor was practically outlawed for selling her top horse, Justin Thyme, to the German rider, Klaus Erhorn.

"From the British team point of view, it's very sad — Rodney would have been a leading contender for a medal," Jane Holderness-Roddam, the chairman of the selectors said yesterday. "But with the amount of money on offer for horses today it is understandable. It was a very hard decision for Rodney but he kept us informed from the beginning. We are lucky that we have got lots of other contenders for the team on the long list."

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